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CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY & MAHASHIVRATI

A Delhi court issues summons to CM Kejriwal on a fresh plea by ED, stating that he is 'legally bound to comply with the summons' in a laundering case. He has been asked to appear on March 16. **P7**

Sweden formally joins Nato as 32nd member of transatlantic military alliance, ending decades of post-WWII neutrality after rise in concerns about Russian aggression in Europe following invasion of Ukraine. **INSIDE JACKET**

Kuldeep Yadav scythes through England with a 5-wicket haul and becomes 2nd fastest spinner to 50 Test wickets while Ashwin takes 4 wickets as visitors are bowled out for 218 by India on Day 1 of Dharamshala Test. **P29**

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Cabinet hikes DA from 46% to 50% of basic pay

Union cabinet on Thursday hiked DA for central govt staff and dearness relief for pensioners by 4 percentage points—from 46% of basic pay to 50%—effective Jan, while also revising other benefits. The move, which will benefit 1.2cr central govt staff & pensioners, will have an annual impact of Rs 12,900cr on the exchequer. **P16**



Ex-DU professor G N Saibaba celebrates with wife Vasanta after being released from Nagpur Central Jail Thursday. He said he was 'lucky to have come out alive' | **P30**

April hope for Wish Town homebuyers

National Company Law Appellate Tribunal has allowed Suraksha Group to start construction at Jaypee Wish Town, where more than 20,000 homebuyers have been waiting for their flats for more than a decade. It sought consensus by next hearing on April 18. **P8**

Doc. 71, loses ₹8.6L to sextortionists

Fraudsters made a video call to a 71-year-old city doctor with a woman at the other end and later extorted Rs 8.6 lakh by threatening to circulate the video if 'he' in a 'compromising position'. Two suspects have been arrested. **P3**

Will continue to work to win hearts, PM tells J&K

1st Valley Visit After Nixing Of Special Status

Manash Pratim Gohain & Saleem Pandit | **TNN**



PM Modi interacts with a participant at an exhibition in Srinagar prior to Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu Kashmir event on Thursday

► TERRORIST TAG FOR LASHKAR MAN IN '23 ATTACKS, **P16**

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After 2014, I have maintained that I am working hard to win your hearts. And day by day I am seeing that I have made steady progress towards my objective. I will keep trying to win hearts of Kashmiris till I have won each." The outreach

amid interaction with entrepreneurs came along with a vigorous defence of the decision to do away with special status, which has been criticised by parties from the Valley.

► 'Neutralisation...' **P18**

CBI busts racket trapping Indians in Russian war

CBI has busted major international human trafficking networks involved in sending Indian youths to the Russia-Ukraine war zone by luring them with lucrative job offers, reports Rajshekhar Jha. The agency is probing recruitment agencies, including a prominent one in Delhi, besides those in Dubai, Mumbai and Chandigarh, and has carried out raids at multiple locations.

The action follows the death of two Indians, who were promised decent jobs in Russia only to end up fighting in its army. Thirty-five such men have been identified till now, sources said. **P16**

Rahul to fight in Wayanad, no decision yet on Amethi

New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi is likely to contest from Wayanad as the Congress Election Committee Thursday cleared the names of all the 15 sitting MPs from Kerala for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Of 60 seats under consideration, the party cleared names for 40, prominent among them being former CM Bhupesh Baghel from Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh, ex-Manipur CM Ibobi Singh from Manipur Valley and Shashi Tharoor from Thiruvananthapuram. As per indications, Congress will tie up in Tripura with CPM, which is expected to take Tripura East. **TNN**

► Cong to wait for... **P24**

DANCE OF DEMOCRACY

► Chandrababu Naidu meets Amit Shah as BJP, TDP close in on seat-sharing deal for LS, state polls | **P 30**

► Former Kerala CM Karunakaran's daughter Padmaja Venugopal quits Cong to join BJP | **P 30**

► Judge Gangopadhyay formally joins BJP even as Mamata warns him of 'people's verdict'

► Want to make son Aaditya CM of Maha, Uddhav says in public rally | **P 18**

► Capital punishment? **P 7**

Cabinet clears ₹10k cr plan for NE, extends LPG subsidy of ₹300

In a pre-election push targeted at the north-eastern states and women, the Union Cabinet on Thursday cleared a Rs 10,000 crore industrialisation scheme for the hilly region and Rs 12,000 crore for the next fiscal to extend the subsidy of Rs 300 a cylinder under the Ujjwala scheme.

In addition, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs decided to increase the MSP for jute by Rs 285 a quintal to Rs 5,335, in a bid to ensure a return of 65% of all-India weighted average cost of

► Nod for AI mission with ₹10k cr outlay, **P 16**

production for farmers. The decision will greatly benefit farmers in eastern states, especially West Bengal, textiles minister Piyush Goyal said. The move comes days before the model code of conduct for elections kicks in. **P 16**

SC: Not an offence to call abrogation of Art 370 a black day

Says Citizens Have A Right To Criticise Govt

New Delhi: In a landmark judgment, Supreme Court on Thursday made 'right to dissent lawfully' a part of right to life and said terming abrogation of J&K's special status under Article 370 a 'black day', coupled with wishing happy independence day to Pakistan, would not constitute an offence of promoting enmity between groups or communities on religious lines under Section 153A of IPC, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.

"Every citizen of India has a right to be critical of the action of abrogation of Art 370 & the change of status of J&K. Describing the day the abrogation happened as a 'black day' is an expression of protest and anguish. If every criticism or protest of actions of the state is to be held as an offence under Sect 153A, democracy, which is an essential feature of the Constitution, won't survive," said a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka & Ujjal Bhuyan.

► 'Right to dissent', **P 17**

MORE FROM SUPREME COURT

'Isn't Maha speaker decision contrary to our verdict?'

New Delhi: A city court sentenced three convicts to rigorous life imprisonment for the murder of photographer Ankit Saxena over an interfaith love affair: Sparring the noose for the parents and uncle of Saxena's girlfriend, court said death sentence in this case was not justified.

"Case... does not fall in the category of rarest of rare and there is a strong possibility of their reformation. Therefore, none of them deserves to be punished with the death sentence," additional sessions judge Sunil Kumar Sharma noted. **TNN**

► 'Total breach', **P 18**

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

► Female Franchise: A recent EC report shows new woman voter registrations are 15% more than men in India. Of over 2.6cr new electors, around 1.4cr are women. India now has 96.9cr electors, 47.2cr of them women | **P 22**

► A Tribal's Will & Way: Buridi Jemma had a tough time when she was pregnant as there was no road connecting her remote Andhra hamlet to the nearest hospital. She spent her savings of ₹2L to lay a kuchcha road | **FLAP OPP**

► Hijab Honchos: With a hijab on their head & dreams in their eyes, several young women from old Hyderabad are entering the field of tech startups, walking the tightrope of balancing societal norms while being bosses | **FLAP OPP**

► No Road Too High: At 19,400ft and -20°C in Hanle, Ladakh, Col Ponung Doming, commanding Border Roads Task Force, is overseeing construction of world's highest road, some bridges, a jet base at Nyoma | **FLAP OPP**

► Teen Levels The Pitch: U-19 WC-winning cricketer Soumya Tiwari, 17, spends part of her earnings to fund training of female cricketers who can't afford it | **P 22**

► Writing The Wrong: Girls are harnessing power of writing to bring change. A perimeter wall was built at a govt school in Poonch after Rukhsar Kausar wrote about it. After Hema Rawal's family lost their home to rain, she wrote about it in a newspaper. That brought help | **P 22**

► Driving Force: Anita Sharma, hit by polio as a child, teaches people like her to drive on their own | **INSIDE JACKET**

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Merchants Of Death: Gang That Supplied Fake Medicines Busted

NATIONWIDE RACKET: Surge In Supply To Retail Markets Of Delhi Prompts Action

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New Delhi: Delhi Police's Crime Branch has busted a massive counterfeit medicine racket, comprising manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and pharmacists, and arrested 10 people. Besides seizing fake medicines worth crores, the cops have also sealed two factories located in Ghaziabad and Shamil from where huge quantities of raw materials, empty printed boxes, packaging material and machinery parts have been seized. The syndicate was supplying fake medicines across the country, risking people's lives, police said.

Special commissioner (crime) Shalini Singh said that the racket had links in many states, including Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. "The seized fake medicines are prescribed as painkillers and antibiotics apart from medicines for diabetes, migraine, etc. The breakthrough came in the wake of inputs suggesting that there had been a surge in the supply of fake medicines in the retail markets of Delhi".

"Several anti-gang squads were pressed into service to locate the suspects involved in this trade, which was a public health hazard," Singh added.

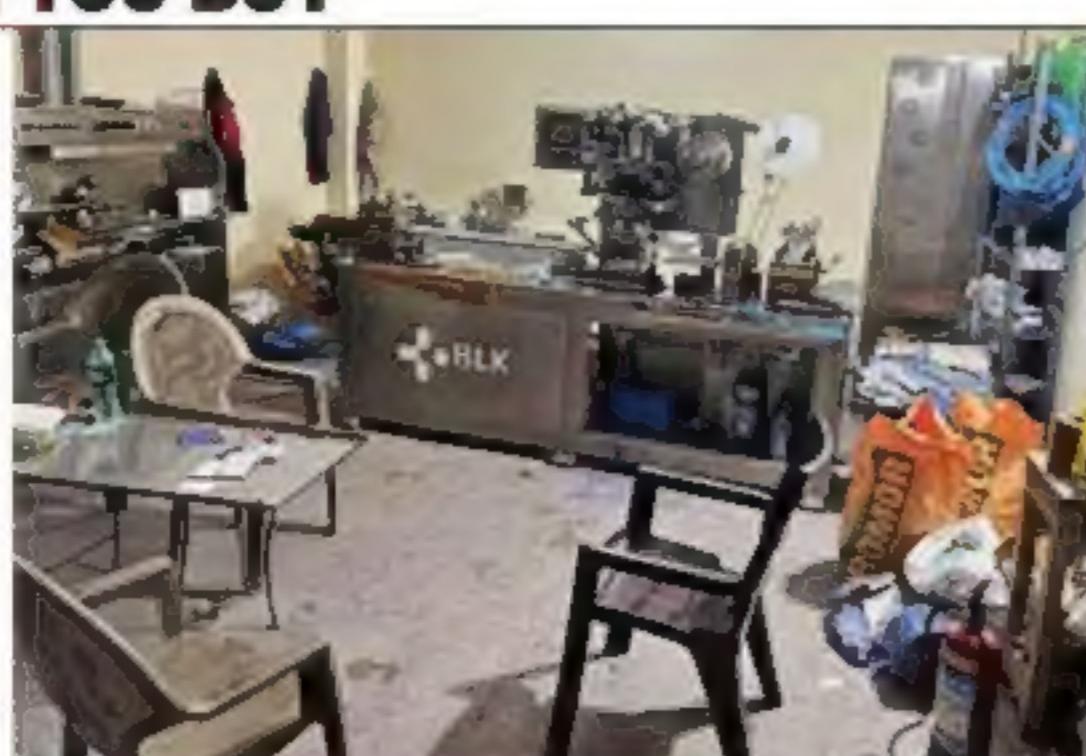
One team, along with representatives of Johnson & Johnson and Lupin company, intercepted a van at Tilak Marg and nabbed two persons. "During the search, a huge quantity of fake tablets with labels of Ultracet, Amaryl IM, Gluconorm and Defort were recovered from the van. During interrogation, the suspects disclosed the names of their accomplices who were subsequently arrested with large amounts of fake medicines," a senior officer said.

Another team arrested a man with a large quantity of fake tablets and capsules. The third team apprehended

CHECK BEFORE YOU BUY

The Operation

- Crime Branch receives tip-off about sale of fake medicines in the city, gathers intel
- Multiple teams act on inputs, conduct simultaneous raids at different locations
- 10, including suppliers, manufacturers, pharmacy owners and agents, arrested
- Large amount of fake medicines, empty shells seized
- Two manufacturing units busted in NCR



Fake medicines found

Name	Company	Quantity
Ultracet	Johnson & Johnson	35,700 tablets
Amaryl IM	Sanofi	2,380 tablets
Gluconorm G1	Lupin	17,000 tablets
Defort-6	Macleods Pharma	18,600 tablets
Monocel-O	Aristo	2,16,000 tablets
Pantocid DSR	Sun Pharma	7,350 tablets
Omed Dsr	Dr Reddy	6,750 tablets

Empty gelatin capsule shells | 25,000



Main characters

Surender Malik | Manufacturer; graduated in arts from Hindu College, Sonipat, in 2003
Vikas Chauhan | Manufacturer; holds a degree in D Pharma from Roorkee
Anil Kumar | Manufacturer and factory setup
Pravez | Supplier
Daniyal Ali | Holds a diploma

In pharmacy; gave his licence to medicine shops on commission
Abdul Basit | Chemist; ran a medicine shop in Geeta colony, sold fake medicines
Upkar Singh & Mukesh | Agents; engaged in sale and purchase of medicines for a commission of 8-9%

three other suspects from the trans-Yamuna area.

During interrogation, it came to fore that fake medicines were also being manufactured in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. Further, role of suspects with D Pharma degrees lending their documents for running pharmacy shops to sell fake medicines emerged. The cops then located a medicine shop in Geeta Col-

ony, which was involved in the sale of these fake medicines.

The Crime Branch also conducted a raid in Panipat and seized over 2.1 lakh tablets of a medicine named Monocef-O. During investigation, a factory set up in Himachal Pradesh was identified but it came to fore that it had been shifted to Shamil, UP. A raid was conducted there and a factory with a comp-

lete machinery setup was found and running. Two more suspects, including the factory owner, were arrested.

Police busted another factory in Ghaziabad on the basis of disclosure of the arrested people. A godown in New Defence Colony was also busted and more medicines were recovered besides empty Ge-

latin capsule shells and die machines. "Overall, we se-

aled around 3.4 lakh tablets besides seals in the name of RS Global Pharma and stamps bearing impressions of batch number, manufacturer and expiry date and price of medicines," the officer added.

Among those arrested is a major player named Surender Malik who earlier allegedly manufactured fake medicines with a notorious manufacturer named Pawan Bansal who is still in jail after being arrested in a case in 2022.

"Malik had engaged a man named Anil for manufacturing and supplying spurious medicines. He purchased manufacturing units/old machines being sold by other companies and individuals and then used them in manufacturing spurious medicines and selling them across the country," a senior cop said.

Another suspect named Vikas Chauhan holds a degree in D Pharma from Roorkee. He had opened a medical store in partnership with a man but closed it later. Thereafter, he started purchasing and selling medicines on commission basis. He later opened a manufacturing unit located in Ghaziabad where he made spurious medicines. A suspect named Abdul Basit loaned a licence to open a medical store from a co-accused named Daniyal Ali. Then, he opened a medical store in Geeta Colony.

Another suspect named Upkar Singh and Mukesh agents engaged in sale and purchase of medicines for a commission of 8-9%.

Another suspect named Anil Kumar manufacturer and factory setup.

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3	11/24	Salesman Grade-I	DTTDC	C	10	05	03	01	01	28	00	02	00
4	12/24	General Correspondent Assistant	DTTDC	C	03	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	00
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6	14/24	Account Assistant cum Cashier	DTTDC	C	10	05	02	01	01	19	01	02	00
7	15/24	PGT (Informatics Practical Computer Science)	NDMC	B	03	00	00	00	00	03	00	--	--
8	16/24	PGT (English)	NDMC	B	03	02	02	01	01	09	00	--	--
9	17/24	PGT (Sanskrit)	NDMC	B	01	00	01	00	01	03	00	--	--
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30	38/24	House Mother/Matron (Only for Female)	Women and Child Development	C	11	07	04	01	03	26	01	02	01
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As Covid Cases Spike, Docs Say No Need For Alarm But Stay Cautious

Influenza Cases Also Rising In City, Symptoms More Severe Than Covid: Experts

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New Delhi: Doctors, while responding to the rise in the number of Covid-19 cases in the city, said there is no need to panic as most patients have mild symptoms that took 5 to 7 days to recover from, but requested vigilance and following of safety norms.

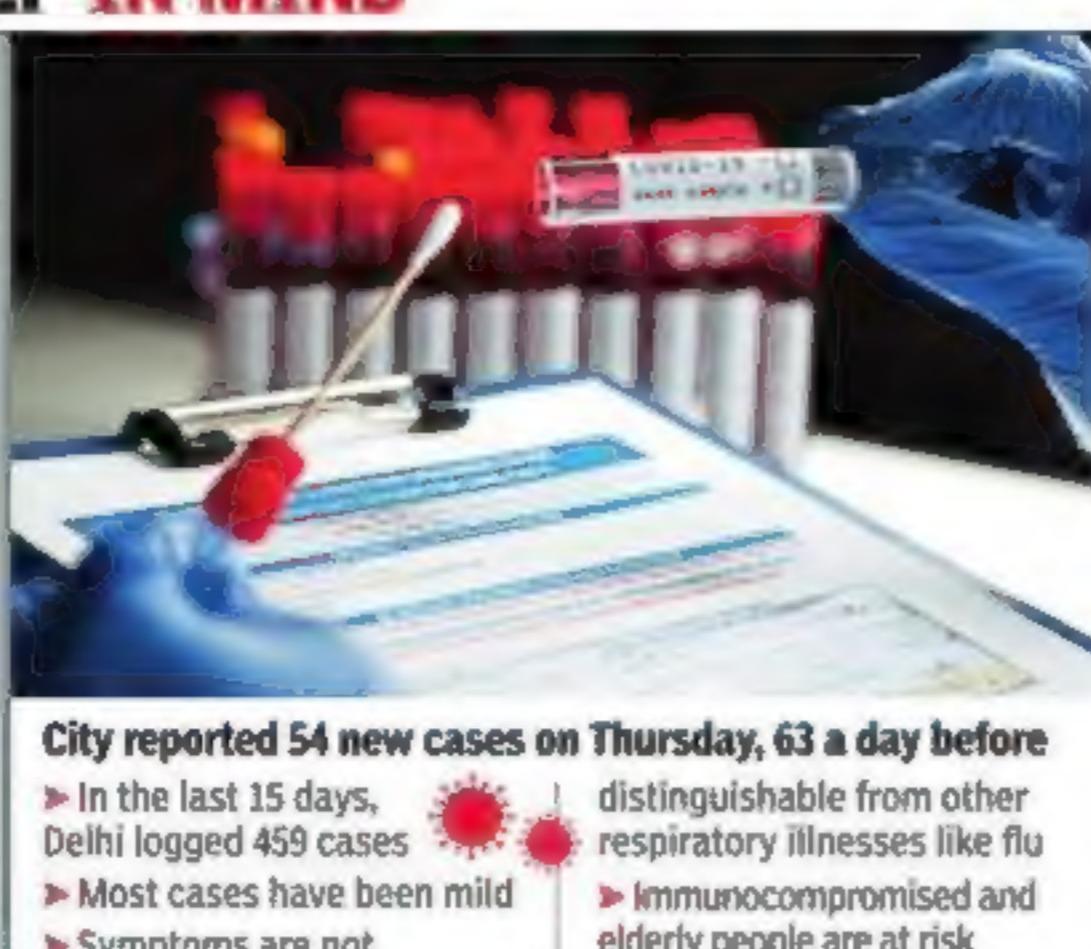
Delhi reported 63 new Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, the highest daily number since May last year when more than 50 cases were reported in a day.

Doctors in leading private and government hospitals said that along with Covid, there was a spike in influenza cases and in H1N1 infection with slightly more severe symptoms than Covid-19. The doctors said that a prolonged cough was being reported by patients after H1N1 or H3N2 infections.

Dr Sushila Kataria, director and head of the department of internal medicine at Medanta Hospital, Gurgaon, said: "In the last 15 days, I have seen about 7-8 cases of Co-

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- If one experiences coughing, fever or eye infections, especially if they persist or worsen, one must seek prompt medical attention.
- Individuals should exercise caution, especially in crowded or high-risk environments.
- Wearing of masks, hand hygiene and social distancing remain paramount.
- Annual flu vaccination is must and for patients who have comorbidities, pneumonia vaccination is also suggested.



City reported 54 new cases on Thursday, 63 a day before

- In the last 15 days, Delhi logged 459 cases.
- Most cases have been mild.
- Symptoms are not

that a few cases with pneumonia-like symptoms have been treated in the OPD and some required hospitalisation.

Dr Shweta Bansal, senior consultant for pulmonology and sleep medicine at Narayana Hospital, said that such infections are seen during "temperature fluctuations in transitional seasons such as Feb-March and Oct-Nov."

"If anyone experiences symptoms such as coughing, fever or eye infection, especially if they persist or worsen, he/she must seek prompt medical attention," she said.

Government hospitals are also reporting Covid positive cases. "At least 11 cases have been reported at Safdarjung Hospital in the last 15 days but most had mild symptoms," doctors said.

RML Hospital has also reported Covid-positive cases in the last two weeks. Seven patients were admitted and three were discharged. Director and medical superintendent Dr Ajay Shukla said that severity of infection is low.

IFS officer from Odisha cadre is new zoo director

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has appointed Dr Sanjeev Kumar, an IFS officer of Odisha cadre, as the new director of Delhi Zoo.

He will replace Akanksha Mahajan who had been holding additional charge of the zoo. Mahajan will continue her work as DIG, Central Zoo Authority, an official said.

"I am directed to refer to the govt of Odisha letter dated Jan 19 and to inform that with the approval of the competent authority, Dr Sanjeev Kumar, has been selected for appointment to the post of Director, NZP, New Delhi on tenure deputation basis under the Central Staffing Scheme of this ministry," stated the Feb 28 letter signed by a central govt officer.

The letter stated that the central deputation tenure of the officer will be for five years from the date of joining the post.

Since 2019, National Zoological Park (Delhi zoo) has seen seven directors of which four were given additional charge, with tenure spanning from 10 months to 14 months.



DMRC's new software to streamline customer grievance management

New Delhi: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Thursday launched an indigenously developed, custom-made software to streamline and smoothen its customer grievance management mechanism.

The software called 'Public Complaints Management System' (PCMS) will help in real-time monitoring of complaints, tracking and categorizing of the feedback and allotting them to the right officials for quick redressal. Unveiled by DMRC's managing director, Vikas Kumar, at Metro Bhawan, PCMS will help in increasing the speed, accuracy, and accessibility of the complaints' management infrastructure.

"The software will generate data that will help DMRC to analyse the nature of complaints that are received and the level of satisfaction of the complainants. This top management of DMRC and the Public Complaints Officer will be able to monitor the status of the complaints on a real-time basis," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC. TNN

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Court Summons Kejriwal On March 16 After ED Plea

CM Sending 'Frivolous' Replies To Summons, Claims Agency

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New Delhi: A court on Thursday issued summons to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on a fresh plea by Enforcement Directorate (ED), stating that he was "legally bound to comply with the summons" in a money laundering case but "allegedly he failed to do so". Kejriwal has been asked to appear before the court on March 16.

Divya Malhotra, additional chief metropolitan magistrate at Rouse Avenue Courts, summoned Kejriwal for the offence under Section 174 (non-attendance in obedience to an order from a public servant) of Indian Penal Code.

"From the contents of the complaint and the material placed on record, prima facie offence under Section 174... is made out and there are suffi-

In its latest plea, ED accused Kejriwal of sending 'frivolous' replies by raising certain objections to the summonses. He also deliberately made one or the other excuse for non-appearance to evade the processes, ED alleged, adding that CM had been avoiding the investigation since Nov 11, 2023

cient grounds for proceeding under Section 204 of Code of Criminal Procedure against accused Arvind Kejriwal," the court said.

Kejriwal has skipped eight summonses issued by ED in the case related to the alleged Delhi Excise Policy scam. ED moved court on March 5 over non-compliance of three summonses on Jan 12 and 31 and Feb 14.

The non-compliance of each of these summonses was termed as a separate offence and clubbed together as per Section 219 of CrPC, the court noted. ED has alleged

AAP's national convener is not complying with its summonses in the Delhi excise policy case. Earlier, too, the central agency had filed a petition on the same issue.

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"In any case, it is the investigating officer who has to carry out the interrogation and not the other way round, which the proposed accused seems to be doing by sending replies and raising queries," the court noted.

Ankit's mother calls for capital punishment for one of accused

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A city court, while handing out life terms to three convicts in the murder of Ankit Saxena, said for pronouncing the death sentence, the crime must fall in the "highest category of rareness", which the present case did not.

The court was hearing the case against Akbar Ali and Shahnaz Begum, parents of Shehzadi, and her maternal uncle Mohammad Salim. Shehzadi was in a relationship with photographer Ankit Saxena, which her family had vehemently opposed.

Special public prosecutors, senior advocate Rebecca Mammen John and Vishal Gosain appeared for Delhi Police.

"The court is not justified in imposing an extreme penalty even if it finds a particular case falling in the category of a rare case. The court has to see whether the case qualifies for the category of an extreme form of rarity. In simple words, for imposing death punishment, a case must fall in the highest category of rareness," the court observed in its 13-page order.

It pointed out that when the crime was committed in 2018, Salim was 43 years old, while Ali and Begum were 40, and the three have been in jail for around six years.

They had clean antecedents, having no previous involvement (in crime). Further, no history of any criminal inclination, drug abuse or any other addiction has been brought on record. Before being arrested in this case, the convicts were living with their families and were well-rooted in society," the court observed, imposing the penalty of rigorous life imprisonment.

It said that along with the magnitude, manner and the purpose of crime, the court had to consider other important factors, including antecedents, age, period of detention and social background of all the convicts.

Hence, considering the mitigating and aggravating circumstances... this court is of the opinion that it is not a fit case for imposition of death penalty," the judge said. Imposing a fine of Rs 50,000 on each convict, the court directed that the fine amount be paid to Saxe-

na's mother.

Begum was additionally sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment and Rs 1,000 fine under count of voluntarily causing hurt, the court said.

On December 23 last year, the court had convicted the trio who had stabbed Saxena to death in broad daylight in west Delhi's Khyala area, for being in a relationship with Shehzadi for three years. They had opposed the relationship because the two came from different faiths.

Reacting to the order, Saxena's mother, Kamlesh Saxena, said she wanted capital punishment for one of the accused who had killed his son. "I lost everything: my husband, my son; I am alone. They should suffer the same pain which I have been suffering," she said.

Saxena's cousin Ashish Duggal said that although it took time, they are satisfied with the decision. "It was a long fight during which Saxena's father, Yashpal Saxena, died. His mother continued the battle, and finally, justice has been served. We would have been happier if the judgment had come while his father was alive," he said.

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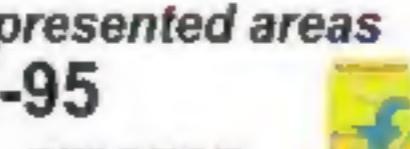
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New Delhi: Education minister Atishi on Thursday inaugurated an advanced welding technology and robotics lab at HJ Bhabha Industrial Training Institute at Delhi's Mayur Vihar Phase-I.

Kejriwal has termed the summonses issued to him either as "unsustainable in law" for their failure to disclose the capacity in which he was being called—as a witness or as a suspect—or to be suffering from "legal deficiencies", the agency pointed out. Under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, ED submitted, an investigating officer is not required to disclose the capacity under which a person is being summoned, and at the stage of investigation, it would also be premature on the part of the agency to label the summoned person either as a witness or as an accused.

The minister added that the institute's students know that their education process was slightly different and was not limited to only books. ITI students need the best equipment in their labs to become skilled, job-ready, market-ready, and industry-ready.

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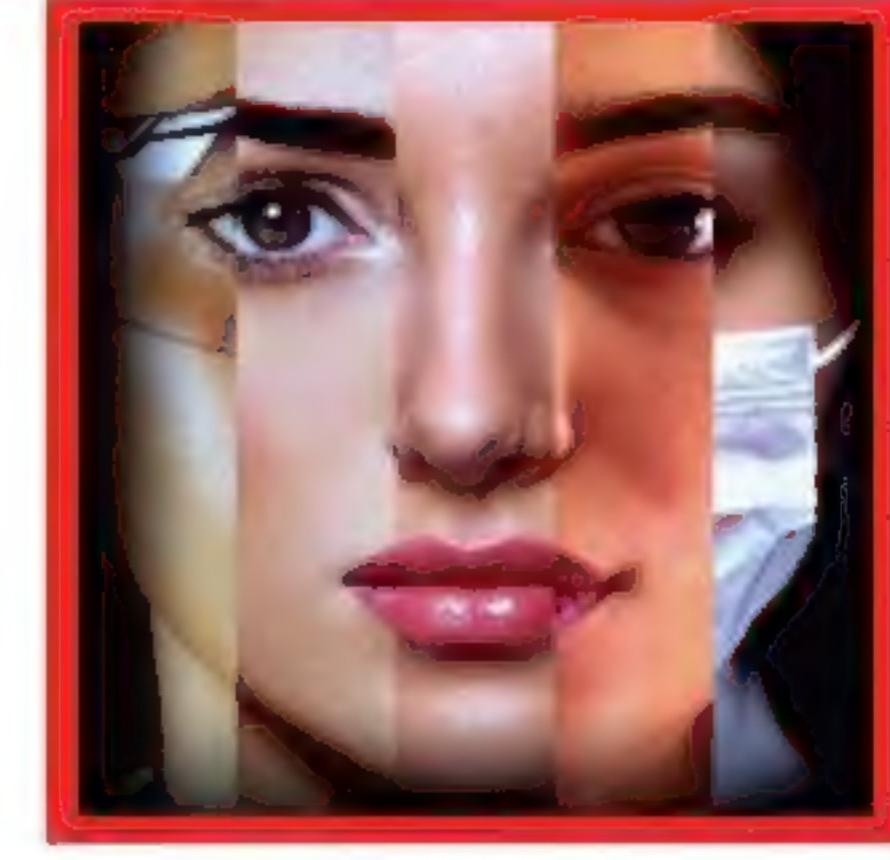
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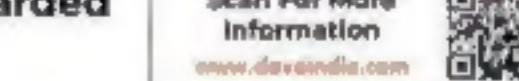
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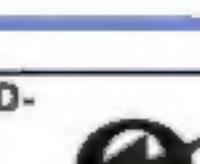
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Groom stabbed to death night before wedding, dad held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: On Wednesday evening, the Singhal residence in south Delhi's Devi Extension was adorned with decorations and buzzing with the celebratory energy of people laughing and dancing to music. Relatives and friends had gathered for Gaurav Singh's wedding, which was going to take place the following day.

The merriment was soon shattered as the 29-year-old groom was nowhere to be found. Around midnight, after a few hours of a frantic search, the joyous occasion turned into a nightmare as the groom was found brutally murdered, stabbed over a dozen times, at his other residence. Police later arrested his father Rangal Singh from Jaipur. He claimed his son was "disrespectful".

Gaurav, the owner of a gym, lived with his family near Raj Park in Devi Extension. DCP (south) Ankit Chauhan said they received a PCR call about the incident at 12.30am Thursday.

"Gaurav was attacked with a sharp weapon and taken by his family members to a hospital, where he was declared brought dead," he said.

Deepak, one of his relatives, said Gaurav's pre-wedding rituals were going on. "We were dancing at the party when we suddenly realised that he was missing. We started searching for him in nearby areas," said Deepak.

During the search, they went to Gaurav's other house,

Interstate gang busted, police solve ₹50 lakh robbery case

New Delhi: With the arrest of five people, an interstate gang behind the Rs 50 lakh robbery in North Delhi's Civil Lines area has been busted, police said on Thursday.

The suspects Monika (29), Rahul (27), Karan (21), Ajay (25) and Gaurav were nabbed in connection with Feb 9 robbery near the loop of ISBT flyover, a senior police officer said.

Police received information about the robbery incident at 9.30pm. "The victim, a Khajuri Khas resident, complained of being robbed of a bag containing Rs 50 lakh while returning home on his scooter from Chandni Chowk. Two assailants on a motorcycle intercepted him near the Monastery Market," said Manoj Meena, DCP (north).

During investigation, two suspects were identified, and raids were conducted leading to their arrest in Shahbad Daryaganj, the DCP said.

Another relative said Gaurav had become engaged on March 3 and his wedding procession was scheduled to move to Kakrola. A DJ had been playing music at his house and the atmosphere on the day of the party was lively and joyous.

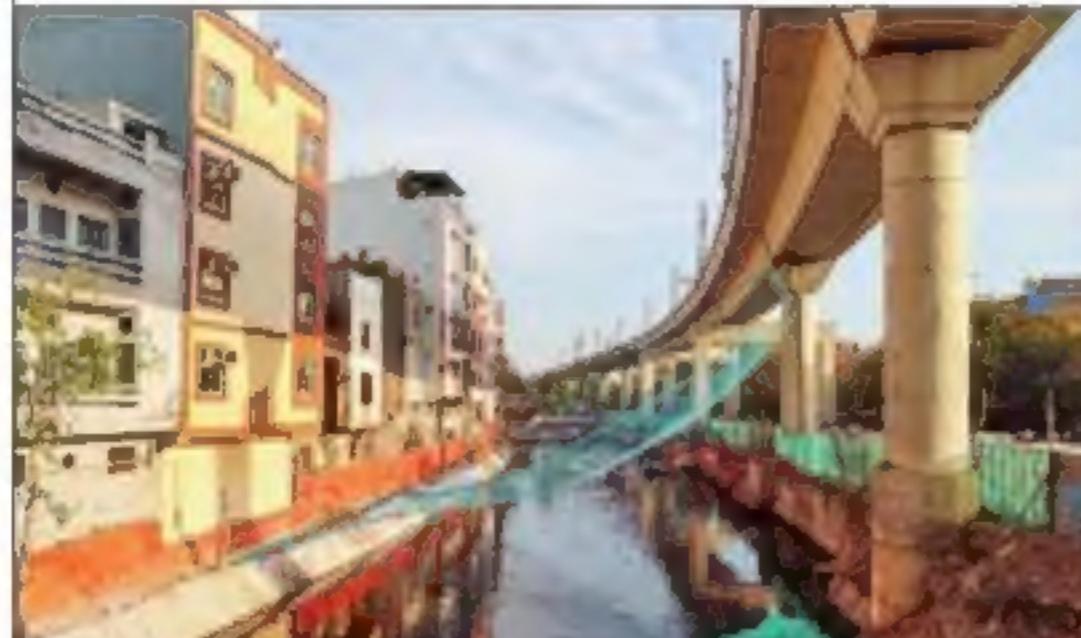
"The search for Gaurav began between 9pm and 10pm. The lights in the other building, where his body was found, had been switched off. It was a newly-built, vacant building where no one lived," the relative said.

A senior officer said Gaurav may have been stabbed by a scissor. During investigation, police conducted raids in several places and nabbed his father Rangal from Jaipur.

"He told us that he and his son were estranged and that he used to disrespect him in front of people. At least three-four people are suspected to be involved," the officer said, adding Rangal's testimony will be verified.

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LG VK Saxena on Thursday posted on X photographs of TD 1 Shadara drain, which has been cleaned in the last few months. Saxena stated that when he visited the drain in Oct last year, it was a carrier of plastic and waste and had been polluting the Yamuna

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The petitioners contended that authorities breached their trust and played fraud on Kathputli Colony slumdweller by suddenly changing the eligibility criteria in 2015 after the demolition of the entire colony as they wrongly mandated the requirement of a separate ration card for the first-floor dwellers of the slum.

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The court directed authorities to allocate an alternative dwelling unit in favour of the petitioners, subject to the condition that they produce other relevant documents according to the Delhi Slum & JJ Rehabilitation and Relocation Policy, 2015, and meet necessary requirements.

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NCLAT Allows Suraksha Group To Start Work At Jaypee Wish Town

Tells Suraksha, Yamuna E-Way Authority To Settle Differences By Next Hearing



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vency resolution process for Jaypee Infratech Ltd, which began in 2017, will soon reach a conclusion, allowing homebuyers and Suraksha to focus on completion timelines.

Suraksha — which took over the stalled projects of JIL in March last year after a vote in favour of it by the committee of creditors — has prepared a resolution plan to start construction at Wish Town. It has laid down a few conditions, a decision on which is yet to be taken by UP govt. In the absence of this consensus, no construction has taken place despite the takeover.

"Even if by the next date, no settlement is brought on re-

the NCLAT chairperson, and members Barun Mitra and Arun Baroka. The next hearing is scheduled for April 18.

YXPA representatives said govt would soon be ready with a cabinet note on terms of Suraksha's resolution plan.

When the homebuyers' counsel pointed out that no work had been initiated on the ground though there was no order against it, the tribunal gave the green signal. It also asked the implementation and monitoring committee — comprising the insolvency resolution professional (IRP), Suraksha managing director and representatives of buyers and lenders — to file in two weeks a status report.

In March last year, the National Company Law Tribunal had allowed Suraksha to take over JIL's stalled projects. But YXPA, which has administrative control over the land, challenged the order at the appellate tribunal. In July 2023, Suraksha placed some key conditions before YXPA. A couple of months later, the YXPA board accepted the conditions after Suraksha agreed to pay the additional compensation to the farmers, but in phases. The company also came up with a revised resolution plan, which was forwarded to UP govt. A decision on this is awaited.

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Delhi High Court has refused to grant divorce to a man who cited his acquittal in a criminal case of cruelty filed by the estranged wife.

The court said the mere acquittal of a person in such a case cannot be a ground to allow divorce and dismissed his plea claiming that his wife committed cruelty on him.

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The couple have two children and started living separately in 1994. The husband claimed that his wife was disrespectful and had refused to take care of him and even assaulted him physically. He alleged that his wife's conduct had shattered his peace of mind and he was compelled to do all the household work, including taking care of the children, and sought divorce citing cruelty.

However, the woman alleged that her husband was involved in an illicit relationship with a much younger woman and when she came to know about it in 1993, differences cropped up between them.

The woman filed an FIR against her husband and his family under IPC Sections 498A (cruelty) and 406 (criminal breach of trust). The man's family was discharged in the case at the stage of framing of charges. He was acquitted in 2013.

MCD nod for construction of 3 multi-level car parking lots

₹4.8 crore allocated for infrastructure upgrade at Ambedkar Stadium

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MAYOR SAYS

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New Delhi: Aiming to provide sufficient parking space in busy market areas and stop roadside parking, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Thursday gave administrative approval to three major multi-level projects at Shastri Park, Rajendra Nagar and Rani Bagh at its House meeting.

While the Shastri Park project will be able to accommodate 935 cars, the facilities at Rajendra Nagar and Rani Bagh will have the space for 700 each. A long-standing demand of north Delhi traders, the projects will be funded under the escrow account head for the development of parking area, said officials. The Shastri Park parking will cost Rs 118.8 crore, Rajendra Nagar Rs 96.5 crore, and Rani Bagh Rs 96.8 crore.

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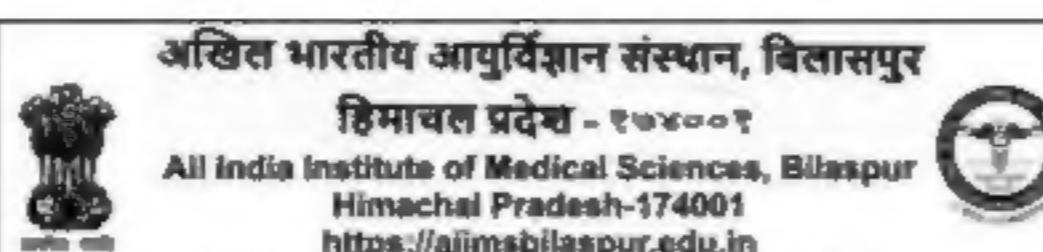
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INTERVIEW

Walk-in-Interview will be held on **20.03.2024 at 10.00 AM** onwards for one contractual position of Research Associate-I (RA). Three contractual position of SRF, one position of YP-II and one position of YP-I under 'Enhancing climate resilience and ensuring food security with genome editing tools' project at ICAR-IMR, Pusa Campus, IARI, Delhi. For details, please visit <https://imr.icar.gov.in>.

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VACANCY NOTICE

The All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bilaspur H.P. intends to fill **68 posts** of Junior Resident (Non-Academic). The details of the vacancies are given below.

Junior Resident (Non-Academic)

Br. No. Designation No. of Posts Category

1. Junior Resident 68 UR EWS* OBC SC ST

1. In case of non-availability of EWS candidates, the post shall be filled under UR category. General category candidate can also apply against reserved posts but they will only be considered only if reserved category candidate is not available and their engagement shall be for a period of 44 days from the date of joining.

Note:-

1. Detailed advertisement containing terms and conditions along with application proforma may be downloaded from Institute's website www.aiimsbilaspur.edu.in

2. The interested candidates are advised to fill the ONLINE APPLICATION FORM (Link attached) latest by 12.03.2024 till 12:00 Noon.

3. The aspiring applicants satisfying the eligibility criteria in all respects can apply for the post of Junior Resident by clicking the link: <https://imr.icar.gov.in/T47/AgYX5cS8>

Deputy Director (Administration),
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No./NITRR/S&P/Advt./2024/4213 Raipur, Dated: 01/03/2024

INVITATION OF E-TENDER

NIT, Raipur is inviting tender which details are as follows:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Department	Tender Enquiry No.	Last Date & Time of Submission of Tender	Date for Opening of Tender
1.	Tender for Disposal of Scrap	NITRR/S&P/Wtlf-off/2024/4178	20/03/2024 upto 06:00PM	22/03/2024 at 10:00AM

Forms & Details can be downloaded from the website i.e. www.nitrr.ac.in, www.procure.gov.in/epublish/app and portal www.lenderwizard.com/NITR.



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No./NITRR/R-1/Advt./2024/947 Raipur, Date: 04/03/2024

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S. No.	Name of the post	Department	Pay Level	Number of Vacancies
1.	Technical Assistant	Architecture	Pay Level-8 (PB-2, GP Rs. 4200/-)	UR-1
		Biomedical Engineering	Pay Level-8 (PB-2, GP Rs. 4200/-)	EWS-1

Please read further detailed information from the Institute website www.nitrr.ac.in. Opening date of online application is **06/03/2024**. Last date for online application is **22/04/2024 (5 PM)** and the last date for receipt of hard-copy application with supporting documents at the Institute is on or before **30/04/2024**. Candidates are requested to regularly visit the Institute website i.e., www.nitrr.ac.in for updated information regarding the recruitment.

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01 PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY	1 POST (SC)
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04 PROFESSOR OF NEURO IMAGING & INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	1 POST (UR)
05 PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY & NEUROTOXICOLOGY	1 POST (UR)
06 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY	1 POST (OBC)
07 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEUROSURGERY	1 POST (SC)
08 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NEUROSURGERY	3 POSTS (ST-1, UR-1, EWS-1)
09 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY	2 POSTS (UR-1, EWS-1)
10 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY	1 POST (UR)
11 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NEURO IMAGING & INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	2 POSTS (ST-1, EWS-1)
12 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE (UNDER NI & IR)	1 POST (UR)
13 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NEUROMICROBIOLOGY	1 POST (OBC)
14 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NEUROVIROLOGY	1 POST (SC)
15 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	3 POSTS (ST-1, OBC-1, EWS-1)
16 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY AND NEUROTOXICOLOGY	1 POST (UR)
17 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK	1 POST (EWS)

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a) If suitable candidates are not available for the post of Professor it will be operated as Additional Professor and for Associate Professor it will be operated as Assistant Professor as per respective cadre category. Separate applications to be submitted for posts which may be operated in lower cadre.

b) The NUMBER of POSTS & CATEGORY MENTIONED ABOVE MAY VARY.

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d) 4% Reservation for PwBD Candidates as per Government of India Reservation Policy from among the above Notified posts.

e) Any CORRIGENDUM / ADDENDUM / MODIFICATION, ETC. IN THE NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE INSTITUTE'S WEBSITE ONLY.

f) The above Notifications includes backlog vacancies too.

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Sd/-, DIRECTOR

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Advertisement No. 01/2024

Inter-University Accelerator Centre (IUAC), an Autonomous Centre of University Grants Commission under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India invites online applications from eligible Indian nationals for the following positions on direct recruitment basis:

Sl. No.	Post Name	Group	Number of Vacancies	Age Limit	Pay Level (As 7th CPC)
1.	Scientist - C	A	08 (UR-05, OBC-01, SC-01, EWS-01)	26 Years	Level - 10 (Rs.56100-177500)
2.	Engineer - C	A	01 (UR-01)	26 Years	Level - 10 (Rs.56100-177500)
3.	Junior Engineer - C	B	05 (UR-02, OBC-01, SC-01, EWS-01)	30 Years	Level - 06 (Rs.35400-112400)
4.	Technician - D	C	01 (UR-01)	28 years	Level - 04 (Rs.25500-81100)

For detailed information regarding qualifications, experience, age, general instructions, application proforma etc. kindly refer website of IUAC (www.iuac.res.in).

Eligible candidates are required to apply online from the Centre's website.

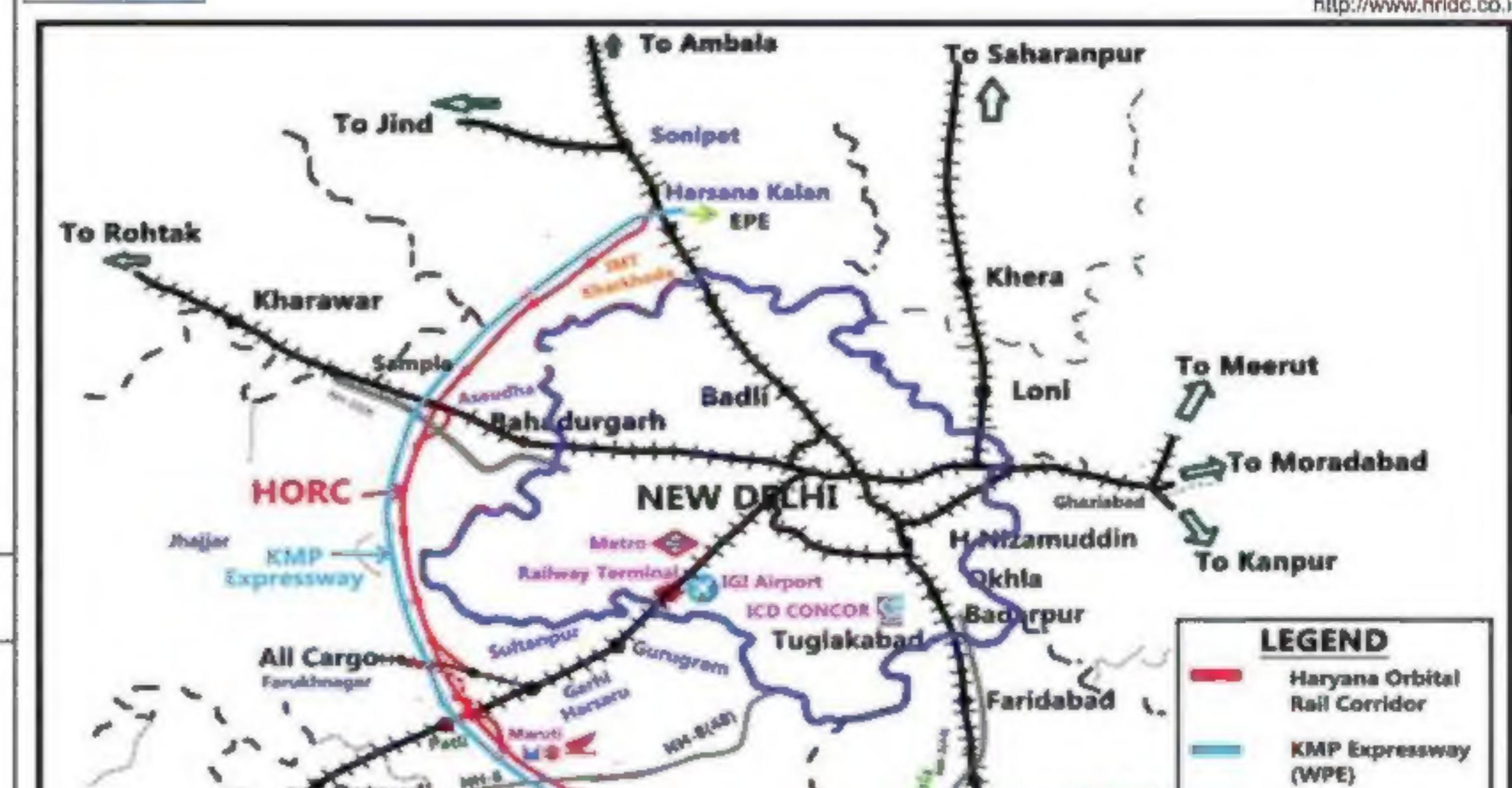
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QR Codes of references:

2. Nomination of Competent Authorities
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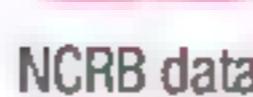


Double Engine Government making it easier for women

Uttar Pradesh's 'Mission Shakti' is reshaping the narrative of strength by empowering women across the state. Through initiatives aimed at education, skill development, and economic opportunities, women are emerging as leaders, not just within their communities, but on a global scale

- Establishment of one-stop centers in all 75 districts, any woman can seek help 24x7 in adverse situations by dialing women's toll-free helpline 181. 5.62 lakh women got help from the same.
- The accused were punished in 19,415 cases of crimes against women and minors.
- Under the Women's Night Escort Security Scheme in case of a call for help from 10 pm to 6 am UP 112 makes arrangements to escort the woman to her destination safely.
- More than 8 crore people were made aware under Mission Shakti.
- Formation of 10,417 women beats in 1,584 police stations, appointment of 20,740 women beat policemen/officers.
- 99.55 per cent of the complaints resolved through 1090 women helpline.
- Formation of women PAC battalions in Badaun, Lucknow and Gorakhpur.
- UP is moving towards becoming the first state in the country to have 18 safe cities including 17 municipal corporations and Gautam Buddha Nagar under the Safe City Project.
- Upgradation of 75 Anti Human Trafficking Units as Police Stations.
- Enrollment of more than 1.92 crore students in School Chalo Abhiyan. Transfer of an amount of Rs 1200 per student to all students for bags, dresses, sweaters, shoes, socks and stationery.
- Tablets/Smartphones distributed to 16 lakh talented students.
- Identification of more than 5.5 lakh out-of-school students and enrollment in schools, monitoring through Sharda portal and app.
- Electricity to 1.58 crore houses under Power for All scheme.
- Clean drinking water reached 1.86 crore houses under Har Ghar Jal Yojana.
- 1.90 crore daughters made aware under Bet Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.
- Construction of 77 girls hostel buildings.
- 648 Kasturba Gandhi Girls School upgraded up to class XII.
- Emphasis on girls' education and self defense under Rani Lakshmi Bai self-defense training scheme in 44,000 upper primary schools.
- Training to 11,000 sports instructors, physical trainers and sports teachers by experts.
- Gender sensitivity program for empowerment of girls.
- Employment to 1 crore women through 10 lakh self-help groups.

- Pension of Rs 1000 per month to 31.5 lakh destitute women till the third quarter in the financial year 2023-24.
- Loan of Rs 2,353 crore towards livelihood to members of 2.35 lakh self-help groups.
- Appointment of 58,000 Banking Correspondent (BC) Sakhis.



NCRB data is witness to the decline in crimes of every nature in Uttar Pradesh. Now half the population has got a better security environment. Today, women can travel alone anywhere in the state without fear. Our government was successful in winning the trust of half the population.

- Yogi Adityanath,
Chief Minister



When women prosper, the world prospers. Economic empowerment of women accelerates development. Their access to education drives global progress. Women leadership promotes inclusivity and their voices inspire positive change.

- Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Photo: DIPR



- Construction of 59,265 community toilets in urban areas.
- 58,758 women got jobs as sweepers in community toilets.
- Construction of 8.99 lakh individual household toilets.
- National Award for construction of most community toilets given to Prayagraj, Fatehpur and Hardoi.
- Under the state project, sanitary napkin incinerator machines in government schools, sale of sanitary pads at the rate of Re 1 per pad from more than 10,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

The work of installation of sanitary napkin ATM machines started in roadways and railway stations as well as in schools and colleges

- 80,000 youth and women Mangal Dal formed at Gram Panchayat level. More than 100 stadiums in rural areas dedicated to youth and Mata Mangal Dals.

Rani Lakshmi Bai Award to women players for excellent performance in sports.

- Asian Games 2023 gold medal winners Annu Rani and Parul Choudhary got cash prizes and appointment as Deputy Superintendent of Police.
- Medical insurance of players registered under Ayushman Yojana.
- Selection of disaster fellows in Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority Training to more than 1500 women of self-help groups in 5 divisions including Jhansi, Varanasi, Basti, Saharanpur and Ayodhya Dharm for women awareness.



- Construction of 2.5 crore izzat ghar in Uttar Pradesh.
- Construction of 4,500 pink toilets in urban bodies, construction of 4,450 pink toilets in rural areas.
- Deploying 15,000 women sanitation workers for community toilets and other rural level cleanliness in rural areas.



- More than 2 lakh women benefited from PM SVANidhi scheme.
- Under UP Bhagyalakshmi Yojana, a bond of Rs 50,000 to a girl born in a BPL family, financial assistance based on educational qualification for good education.
- More than 25 IEC campaigns have been launched so far, UP is leading in increasing awareness about cleanliness.



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Ambulance Service

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Child Helpline

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Women Power Line

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Chief Minister Helpline

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Police Helpline

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Women Helpline

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debganj, Haldia
Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224

NIT NO: 21/CE/EC-ELECTRONIC-2024

Online e-Tender tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for "Reparation of ED street lighting system including supply and laying of 17 power cable, cable laying through micro tunneling method through HDPE pipe, etc from Srirampur Bridge to Hugabari BDD Office more at Moyna Bazar area. Tender Amount : Rs. 20,75,231/- Due date for submission of bid (online): 09.03.2024 upto 23.03.2024 at 11:00 AM. Last date for bid submission: 23.03.2024 upto 2:30 PM. Information in details is available in the office and website of HDA . www.hda.gov.in E-Tender can also be submitted through https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Officer, HDA

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

W.B.D. (GOVT OF WB)

Executive Engineer, Alibaghali(A-I) Division, WBRD invites e-tenders for Renovation, Rebuilding and installation of WLA (as of 30/06) new pump house under LCR-SECTOR Programme, vide e-NIT No: WBRD-E/ED/ALI/1/ALI/10/2024-317 CALLS. I am the Executive Engineer (A.I) Alibaghali (A-I) Division, Alibaghali, Dalkhan Dunir Tenter U/T with estimated amount put in tender as below:

2024 WBRD 674111 (R) 03/03/2024
2024 WBRD 674111 R 11/03/2024
2024 WBRD 67420 (R) 06/03/2024
2024 WBRD 67420 (R) 12/03/2024
2024 WBRD 67420 (R) 18/03/2024
Last date of dropping of e-NIT 2024 upto 2:30 PM. Interested bidders are requested to visit the website https://wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Executive Engineer (A.I)-Alibaghali (A-I) Division
ICA-T6243(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD (GOVT OF WB)

Sd/- K.P.W.D. invites online NIT-LT for Saving of new pipeline along with scrapping and repairing, surfacing by bitumous work at affected compound road portion other ancillary works related to ETP project during the year 2023-2024.

Estimated Amount: Rs. 1,27,43,785/-

e-NIT No: WBPWD-NF-KHC-NIT-10
2023-2024

Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD-NF-674947_1 Bid Submission Start Date (online): 12/03/2024 at 2:00 PM

Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 11/04/2024 at 2:00 PM

Corrigendum if any will be published in website only Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Superintendent Engineer PWD Dte,
Kolkata Hrmt Chrt
ICA-T6209(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD (GOVT OF WB)

The Executive Engineer, Major Highway Division, PWD, Directorate invites online percentage rate e-tender for three nos works under NIT No: 01 of 2023-24 1 Km Road from Haldiya to Haldia, Haldia, Haldia, Patch repairing work from 0.00 km to 0.12 km, 0.27 km to 0.13 km, 1.13 km to 1.55 km & 2.00 km to 2.70 km (In stretches). Rs. 8,13,79,00 Total Tender D-2024 SH 676930 1. Construction of Hume Pipe culvert at Ch 15.00 km of Maj. Hrmt Chrt, Haldia, Haldia - 1 Km 0.2, 3555 CC. Tender D-2024 SH 676909, 2. 3. Kaliachar to Golapnagar Road patch repairing work from 1.50 Km to 3.70 Km, A 30 Km to 5.50 Km & 5.90 Km to 9.00 Km (In stretches). Rs. 16,22,822 Total Tender D-2024 SH 676909 2. 3. Construction of Hume Pipe culvert at Ch 15.00 km of Maj. Hrmt Chrt, Haldia, Haldia - 1 Km 0.2, 3555 CC. Tender D-2024 SH 676909, 2. 3. Kaliachar to Golapnagar Road patch repairing work from 1.50 Km to 3.70 Km, A 30 Km to 5.50 Km & 5.90 Km to 9.00 Km (In stretches). 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MCD orders release of ₹15 crore per month for payment of arrears to pensioners

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has ordered to release Rs 15 crore every month for payment of pending arrears of pensioners.

"Competent authority as per order dated Feb 28 is pleased to allow the release of Rs 15 crore every month on account of 7th Central Pay Commission arrear of pensioners. This is in accordance with

the Delhi High Court judgment in the matter Nagar Nigam Sewa Nirvit Karamchari Kalyan Samiti and others Vs Commissioner, MCD. The first amount of Rs 15 crore will be considered as first instalment of arrear for pensioners," stated the March order.

Mayor Sheily Oberoi stated that the civic body was making all efforts to stre-

engthen the payment of salaries. AAP ruled MCD has made a budgetary provision for the payment of salaries to its employees in 2024-25, she added.

Meanwhile, leader of opposition Raja Iqbal Singh said that under the AAP rule, MCD has been unsuccessful in getting any grants, generating additional revenue etc to improve its financial crunch.

READY TO SET SAIL WITH PRIDE?

Indian Navy invites applications from unmarried men and women candidates for grant of Short Service Commission in the following Branch/Cadre

Branch/ Cadre	Vacancies*	Gender
General Service [GS (X)]	50	Men and Women (maximum of 15 vacancies for women)
Pilot	20	Men and Women (maximum of 06 vacancies for women)
Naval Air Operations Officer (NAOO)	18	Men and Women (maximum of 05 vacancies for women)
Air Traffic Controller (ATC)	08	Men and Women
Logistics	30	Men and Women (maximum of 09 vacancies for women)
Naval Armament Inspectorate Cadre (NAIC)	10	Men and Women
Education	18	Men and Women
Engineering (General Service)	30	Men and Women (maximum of 09 vacancies for women)
Electrical (General Service)	50	Men and Women (maximum of 15 vacancies for women)
Naval Constructor	20	Men and Women

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- Candidates will be inducted in the rank of Sub Lieutenant
- Course will commence January 2025 onwards at Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala

For e.g. entry criteria and specific details for the batch, visit www.joinindiannavy.gov.in and Employment News dated 24 Feb 2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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S. No	Notification No. and Date	District	Sub-Division	Block/Municipality/Municipal Corporation	G.P./Ward No.	Location of vacancy
1	932/SCF(M)/2023 Date 19.09.2023	Malda	Malda Sadar	Old Malda (M)	11	Mouza Samundia, Sarada Colony, Sarada Colony Radha Gobinda Mandir
2	132/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Phansidewa	Chhatat Bangaon	Mouza Purva Bangaon, Bandarjhuli, Munkhawa Jame Masjid
3	133/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No. 07, 08, 09	Mouza Siliguri Madhya Paschim, M.R Road, Khalpara, Near Shankar Stores More
4	134/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.-16	Mouza Siliguri Purbo, Haren Mukherjee Road, Hakimpura, Near G.T.S Club
5	135/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No. 01, 02, 03	Mouza Ghokha, Pradhan Naga, Near Hotel Heritage
6	202/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Champasari	Mouza Karabari, Near Karabari Jote Primary School
7	203/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Patharghata	Mouza Bara Ghatia, Near Baraghata Law College
8	204/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Matigara-II	Mouza Mathapan, Parimal Nagar Sporting Club
9	205/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Matigara-II	Mouza Tomba, Kholai Bhaktari S.K
10	206/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.	Mouza Mandalaguri, Near Tea Auction Office (Endeavour Global)
11	207/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.-004	Mouza Siliguri Madhya Paschim, Adarsha Nagar Colony, Near Adarsha Nagar Sporting Club
12	208/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No. 009	Mouza Siliguri Madhya Paschim, Near Arogya Niketan Nursing Home, Khalpara

Applications in prescribed proforma (Form C) along with other requisite documents and receipt of deposition of application fee of Rs. 1,000/- should be submitted to the office of the concerned Sub-Divisional Controller(F&S) or by online through the official website (<https://food.wb.gov.in>) within 45 days from today.

For details please visit official website of the Department (<https://food.wb.gov.in>) or contact the office of the concerned Sub-Divisional Controller (F&S).



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08.03.2024	Shree Ram Rangmanch, Kota	
09.03.2024	Divine Public School, Maruti Nagar, Khairabad, District Kota	11.00 AM
10.03.2024	Kashipuri Hindu Dharamshala Ground, Sangod, District Kota	
11.03.2024	Krishna Upaj Mandi, Keshavpura Patalan, District Bundi	10.00 AM
	Purani Krishna Upaj Mandi, Bundi	12.00 PM

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Na. SE/O&M/Pur-23-24/RNT-KGN0027188 Khargone, Dist. 07.03.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
Online-tender is invited for services as per tender specification given below

T.S.	Particulars	Tender Value (Approx.) (In Cr.)	Last Date of Online Submission of bid	Last Date of online bid opening
KGN002	Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Miscellaneous works in the O&M Circle, Khargone MPPKVVC, Khargone	58.38	26.03.2024 Up to 15.00 Hrs	01.04.2024 at 15.00 Hrs

Note : Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 19 March on 12 noon at CE H Office.
For further information visit our Web-site <https://www.mpzv.co.in> or <https://www.mplenders.gov.in> M.P. Madhyam 114191/2024 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

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Na. SE/DCO/M/DWS/NIT 02/1448 Dewas, Dated 07.03.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
Online tender is invited for services as per tender specification given below

T.S.	Particulars	Tender Value (Approx.) (In Cr.)	Last Date of online Submission of bid	Last Date of online bid opening
01	Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Miscellaneous Works in the O&M Circle, Dewas of MPPKVVC, Dewas.	61.56	23.03.2024 Up to 15.00 Hrs	01.04.2024 at 15.00 Hrs

Note : Pre-Bid meeting Will be held at the Meeting Hall, Jyoti Nagar Campus, MPPKVVC, Ujjain on 18.03.2024 from 03.00 PM onwards.
For further information visit our website <http://www.mpzv.co.in> or portal <https://www.mplenders.gov.in> M.P. Madhyam 114185/2024 8.E. (O&M)

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD (GOVT. OF WB) TENDER NOTICE
EE, PWD, Darjeeling Electrical Division invites e-tender for the work of "Arrangement of temporary electrical installation works at Tarak Nath Sarduria Balita Vidyalaya Khanban under Khanban PS in the District of Darjeeling for accommodation of CAPF Cos in connection with the Parliamentary Election, 2024 for 90 days".
Estimated amount: Item Rate
Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_679577_2
Bid Submission start date (Online) : 05.03.2024 at 09:00 AM
Bid Submission closing date (Online) : 09.03.2024 at 12:00 PM
Corrigendum if any will be published in website only
Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in.
Sd/- K Sahu Executive Engineer, PWD Darjeeling Electrical Division ICA-T6298(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD (GOVT. OF WB) TENDER NOTICE
EE, PWD, Darjeeling Electrical Division invites e-tender for the work of "Arrangement of temporary electrical installation works at Enai of Medium Grade Madrasa, Panipura under Goalpara PS in the District of Jorhat Dinapur for accommodation of CAPF Cos in connection with the Parliamentary Election, 2024 for 75 days".
Estimated amount: Item Rate
Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_679576_1
Bid Submission start date (Online) : 05.03.2024 at 09:00 AM
Bid Submission closing date (Online) : 09.03.2024 at 12:00 PM
Corrigendum if any will be published in website only
Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in.
Sd/- K Sahu Executive Engineer PWD Darjeeling Electrical Division ICA-T6287(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
A1 Development scheme (Construction of Stalls Shopping Complex Auction Shed and Drain and Bazaar under Nadia District via NIT No. WB-SAMB CEO.115, 2023-24. Dated 27/02/2024 bearing Tender Id - 2024_WBSAMB_676954_1
The last date for submission of Tender is on 27-03-2024 up to 12.00 Noon.
A2 Infrastructure Development Work at Bharat Krishi Bazar under Purba Bardhaman District (2 Nos. Open Market Shed, Road, Electrification Work, vide NIT No. WB-SAMB CEO/117/2023-24. Dated 28/02/2024 bearing Tender Id - 2024_WBSAMB_676952_1
The last date for submission of Tender is on 27-03-2024 up to 12.00 Noon.
A3 Infrastructure Development of Labpur Khetra Bazar (Construction of Open Market Shed (2 Nos.), Concrete Approach & Internal Roads, Surface Drain and Development including Allied Works) under Goalpara District vide NIT No. WB-SAMB CEO/117/2023-24. Dated 28/02/2024 bearing Tender Id - 2024_WBSAMB_676953_1
The last date for submission of Tender is on 27-03-2024 up to 12.00 Noon.
A4 Improvement of Market Infrastructure (Construction of (2 Nos. Total Block (ii) Drinking Water Arrangement (iv) Electrical Works at Old Bazaar situated on SBI Road, at Marbazar-I Block, Dist. Purulia vide NIT No. WB-SAMB CEO/118/2023-24. Dated 28/02/2024 bearing Tender Id - 2024_WBSAMB_676923_1
The last date for submission of Tender is on 27-03-2024 up to 12.00 Noon.
The detailed information regarding e-NIT will be available on the [https://www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in).
Sd/- Chief Executive Officer
West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board ICA-T6176(3)/2024

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise
WBSECL invites e-Tender as follows:

1) NIT No. CE/DTD/Testing Instruments/2023-24/05 of the Chief Engineer, Distribution Testing Department for manufacture, testing, supply & delivery of (i) 32 nos. Digital Multimeter Estimated Cost: Rs. 9,39,000/-, (ii) 10 nos. Clamp-on Meter for measurement of leakage current: Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,37,900/-, (iii) 07 nos. Clamp-on Meter for measurement of load current: Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,17,000/-

2) NIT No. RM/DR/ELECTRICAL/e-Tender/2023-24/07 Date: 04.03.2024 of the Regional Manager, Darjeeling Region. Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,40,431.58 (excluding GST) for the work of Construction of outgoing bay at Kawakhali 33/11 kV sub-station to connect with Jhethdhara 33/11 kV sub-station under Siliguri Suburban Division, WBSECL

3) NIT No. DM/JPG/ET-04/23-24/1054 Date: 01.03.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Jalpaiguri Division. Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,75,563.95 (excluding GST) for the work of Erection & commissioning of 33 kV LR Panel, 33 kV VCB & LT Equipment, Cable laying, 33 kV Bus with renovation of switchyard (Structure) at Fatukuruk 33/11 kV sub station under Jalpaiguri Division.

Extension of Time
Ref. Original NIT No. DM/Garia/Tender/2023 24/2 call-283 Date: 07.02.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Garia Division. Bid Submission Date is hereby extended up to 18.03.2024 (15:00 hrs).
For details, visit <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & [www.wbsecl.in](http://wbsecl.in) ICA-T6163(1)/2024



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ASSAM CM SARMA SAYS NDA WILL WIN 22 OF 25 LS SEATS IN NORTH-EAST, INCLUDING SIKKIM

JAPAN A NATURAL PARTNER IN INDIA'S QUEST FOR PEACEFUL, STABLE INDO-PACIFIC: JAISHANKAR

CBI busts Russia jobs racket, search on in Delhi, Mum

'35 Sent To Ukraine Front Traced So Far'

Rajsheshwar Jha
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₹820cr 'suspicious' UCO Bank transfers draw CBI's glare

CBI Wednesday conducted searches at 67 locations in seven cities across Rajasthan and Maharashtra in connection with suspicious transactions of Rs 820 crore from UCO Bank branches, reports **Rajsheshwar Jha**. The transactions were conducted using the immediate payment service (IMPS) mode, officials said.

CBI had filed an FIR in Nov last year based on a complaint received from UCO Bank. "It was alleged that in a span of three days, IMPS transactions in total from around 14,600 account holders of seven private banks were wrongfully posted in the accounts of over 41,000 UCO Bank account holders," CBI spokesperson R C Joshi said. This, officials said, resulted in Rs 820 crore being credited to UCO Bank accounts without actual debiting from the originating banks.

dul Mutualib Khan alias Baba director of Baba Vlogs Overseas Recruitment Services Pvt Ltd, Dubai. They have been listed as accused in the agency's FIR. CBI was in the process of initiating arrest procedures late on Thursday.

Based on inputs from sources, CBI filed an FIR on March 6 naming private visa consultancy firms and agents found engaged in trafficking and launched an operation closely monitored by agency chief Praveen Sood. CBI teams then conducted simultaneous searches at 13 locations in Delhi, Thiruvananthapuram, Mumbai, Ambala, Chandigarh, Madurai and Chennai between Wednesday and Thursday.

The probe found that the networks lured Indian nationals on the pretext of highly-paid jobs through social media channels like YouTube and Instagram, besides local agents.

Those in CBI's net are Sushay Mukut, director of 24x7 RAS Overseas Foundation at KG Mary in Delhi, Rakesh Pandey, director of OSD Bros Travels & Visa Services Pvt Ltd in Mumbai, Manjeet Singh, director of Adventure Visa Services Pvt Ltd in Chandigarh; and Faisal Ab-

Trade deal with 4 European nations before LS elections

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Neuro Delhi: Commerce ministry will give the finishing touches to a trade deal with the European Free Trade Association comprising Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein — after the Union cabinet is learnt to have approved the deal in principle.

A formal announcement on what will be a pact with another bloc of developed nations is expected to be announced before the Election Commission sets in motion the poll process in the middle of next week.

After holding back bilateral trade treaties for years, India has been on an FTA overdrive of sorts, signing agreements with Mauritius, Australia and the UAE, while holding talks with the UK, European Union, Oman and Sri Lanka. In addition, a review of the agreement with ASEAN is underway, but negotiations with Canada have been put on hold after a diplomatic row.

With EFTA, for which talks resumed only last summer, the idea is to lower import duties on several products, without compromising on aspects such as patents regime, in return for getting investments from Swiss and Norwegian companies.

In India and the European trading bloc had earlier held negotiations from 2008, but talks collapsed over the issue of patents and geographical indications as also removal of import duty on gold, which remains a no go area for New Delhi. The agreement will have chapters including trade in goods and services, rules of origin, intellectual property rights, investment, trade and sustainable development, and trade facilitation.

Late Jan, Swiss economy minister Guy Parmelin flew to India on a whistle-stop tour to Mumbai to hold discussions with commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal. "It was there that we reached agreement, after 18 years of negotiations, on the broad lines of the EFTA India trade agreement," he posted on social media.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved the long pending full scale engineering development of five prototypes of indigenous twin-engine AMCA, along with a structural test specimen, extensive flight testing and certification, by Aerospace Development Agency of DRDO, sources said.

CCS also cleared procurement of 34 more Dhruv twin engine advanced light helicopters Mark III, 25 for the Army and nine for Coast Guard, from HAL for over Rs

8,000 crore. They will add to the around 300 such 5 tonne class choppers already inducted by the armed forces.

The first AMCA prototype, as per projected timelines, will "roll out" in four years, and make its maiden flight another year after that. "It will take 9-10 years for the actual production of AMCA by HAL to begin after all the development and flight-testing of prototypes. So, IAF will begin inducting them

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE, U.P. JAL NIGAM (URBAN), NEAR MANOHAR BHUSHAN INTER COLLEGE, JAL NIGAM COLONY, GANDHI NAGAR, BAREILLY (UP)

Letter No : 327/M-16/10 Date : 06.03.2024 E-tender Notice

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites E-bids for execution of "24x7 water supply scheme in single ward of Nagar Nigam Bareilly, Nagar Nigam Shahjahanpur, Nagar Palika Parishad Budan & Nagar Palika Parishad Pilibhit" on turn-key basis under AMRUT 2.0 Programme."

are invited in two bid system on percentage rate basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents

will be available for download from 07/03/2024 by 17:00 Hrs. Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated 12/03/2024 at 12:00 PM in undersigned office.

E-bids can be submitted till 21/03/2024 upto 14:30 Hrs and technical bid shall be opened on 22/03/2024 at 14:30 Hrs in the Office of The Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Bareilly in presence of contractor or their authorized representative.

E-tender Cost is Rs 20,000 + GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on U.P Govt. e-procurement portal <http://tender.up.nic.in> & U.P JN website www.jn.upsc.gov.in.

General Manager (Security)

राज्य के साथ सुरक्षा प्रबंधी

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

16-20, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi-110 001, Phone : 011-43527443/42

Food Corporation of India, Headquarters, New Delhi Invites online tenders in two bid system from interested eligible bidders for selection of System Integrator for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operations & Maintenance for AI enabled CCTV Cameras at FCI owned godowns.

The bid document and other detailed terms and condition can be downloaded from GeM Portal and FCI Website (fci.gov.in). Bid submission ends at 04:00 PM on 24.04.2024. Correspondence/ Addendum etc, if any will be uploaded on one only.

General Manager (Security)

राज्य के साथ सुरक्षा प्रबंधी

King George's Medical University U.P., Lucknow E-Tender Inviting Notice

Notice No: 021/e-tender/Medicine/MS/2024 Date: 06.03.2024

Online e-bids are invited on two e-bids systems latest by 10.04.2024 at 5.00PM for the Rate contract of Medicines from the manufacturers or Distributors on the terms and conditions as per tender documents. The details of the tender can be viewed at www.kgmu.org. Tender will be available on e-portal <https://etender.up.nic.in>.

(Medical Superintendent)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION WING, UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM

E-32, JUDGE FARM, HALDWANI, DISTT. NAINITAL/PIN 263139

Letter no. B01/Nivid-Anuband/Udharm Singh Nagar/130 Dated: 07-03-2024

E-Tender Notice

1. Name of the work:- Beautification of Temple & Construction of Dharamsala at Baba Bankhandi Mahadev Chakarpur, Khatima District-Udharm Singh Nagar.

2. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 10.32 Lacs (without GST)

3. Period of Completion:- 09 Months

4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal 09-03-2024 (10.00hrs)

5. Online Bid submission: End date :- 22-03-2024 (17.00 hrs)

6. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening:- 27-03-2024 (11.00 hrs)

7. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting bid :- General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Haldwani

8. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place :- 12-03-2024 (11.00 hrs) Office of the Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Udharm Singh Nagar

9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

GENERAL MANAGER

राज्य के साथ सुरक्षा प्रबंधी

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY MARINE DEPARTMENT

Date : 29/02/2024

E-TENDER CALL NOTICE (ETCN)

Name of the work:- Manning Operation and Maintenance of Oil Spill Response (OSR) facility at South Old Jetty including supply of required materials and working boat for a period of 05 (five) years*

Estimated Cost: Rs.6,19,67,100/- Last

On/dt.23/03/2024 Date & time for opening :- 15:30 hours on 25/03/2024 For details, please log on to the Website <https://procure.gov.in/procure/app>

Deputy Conservator, Paradip Port Authority

PPA/PR/RS/2023-24 Dt.06/03/2024

Ahead of polls, govt extends LPG sop, announces ₹10,000cr package for NE

Raises MSP For Jute By ₹285/Quintal

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The announcement on Ujjwala is targeted at women, seen as one of the key voters of BJP. The subsidised gas cylinder scheme was a major vote-catcher both in state polls and the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Govt had last year increased subsidy from ₹200 to ₹300 for up to 12 cylinders every year, and a price reduction of ₹200 for every cylinder

Modi govt to hold one or two more cabinet meetings before the bugle is sounded

The announcement on Ujjwala is targeted at women, seen as one of the key voters of BJP. As the subsidised gas cylinder scheme has been a major vote-catcher both in state polls as well as the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Amid oft-repeated complaints of low uptake of refills, govt had last year increased subsidy from ₹200 to ₹300 for up to 12 cylinders every year and had also announced a reduction of ₹200 for every cylinder.

The subsidy support has boosted consumption of clean fuel in Ujjwala households from three refills per year in 2019-20 to 3.9 till Jan, with an increase seen in recent months. Poor women are seen to have benefited significantly from the scheme as they do not have to trudge long distances in search of firewood.

Similarly, as an outreach to the North East, which has

crossed 50% of basic salary of govt staff, allowances also up

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will result in a rise in transport allowance, canteen allowance & deputation allowance, among others, by 25%.

As DA now stands at 50%, both house rent allowance (HRA) and gratuity limit will also increase. Gratuity limit has also been revised to Rs 25 lakh from Rs 20 lakh earlier.

Increase in DA and dearness relief, in accordance with accepted formula, is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission, an official statement said. Govt revises DA and dearness relief to adjust for inflation.

addition to interest subsidy of up to 5%. The funds are to be used over 10 years for the development of industries and employment generation in the states. For the Centre, North East has been a focus area and even in the budget, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman flagged the capital investment incentive of up to Rs 10 crore, depending on the zone (industrially advanced or industrially backward district). In

counts for 24 Lok Sabha seats, govt cleared Uttar Pradesh Transformative Industrialisation Scheme or UNNATI to incentivise investors for setting up new units in the seven states or undertaking significant expansion.

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Nod for AI mission with ₹10k cr outlay for 5 years

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Modi has democratised technology. With AI mission, he will make computer power available to innovators, startups, students, and educational institutions," IT minister Ashwin Vaishnav said.

Commerce minister Piyush Goyal told reporters that supercomputing capacity, comprising over 10,000 GPUs, will be made available to various stakeholders for creating an AI ecosystem in public-private partnership mode, marking a major initiative by govt to initiate steps in an emerging area that is slowly having mass adoption. The focus is on developing an entire ecosystem, from computing power to models, from applications to talent, and from data platform to regulatory framework, an official said.

"A landmark day for tech and innovation! Cabinet's approval for the India AI Mission will empower AI startups and expand access to compute infrastructure, marking a giant leap in our journey towards becoming a global leader in AI innovation," Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on X.

Top Lashkar handler gets 'terrorist' tag

New Delhi: Centre Thursday designated Mohammad Qasim Gujjar, a top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror handler based in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and one of the masterminds behind the January 2023 twin attacks in Rajouri's Dhangri village that killed seven civilians as a "terrorist" under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, reports **Bharti Jain**.

Announcing Mohammad Qasim Gujjar's inclusion as 57th entry in Fourth Schedule to UAPA, which lists individual terrorists, home minister Amit Shah wrote on X: "An operative of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, Mohammad Qasim Gujjar has caused numerous deaths and injuries with terror at tacks and is involved in planning war against Bharat (sic)."

HC said the onus is on the main accused to prove the source of income from which assets were acquired in the name of his wife.

But the prosecution was banking upon allegation of "abettment", without any material to prosecute the petitioner. Dismissing it, Justice Mishra noted: "If the analogy of the prosecution is accepted to sustain the criminal proceeding against the petitioner, then in that event, every member of the family of the principal accused in whose name any movable or immovable property was/is purchased by him shall be liable to be prosecuted for abettment."

Accordingly, Justice Mishra quashed the case registered against the petitioner.

name. Hence the onus is on the main accused to prove the source of income from which assets were acquired in the name of his wife," the judge observed.

But the prosecution was banking upon allegation of "abettment", without any material to prosecute the petitioner. Dismissing it, Justice Mishra noted: "If the analogy of the prosecution is accepted to sustain the criminal proceeding against the petitioner, then in that event, every member of the family of the principal accused in whose name any movable or immovable property was/is purchased by him shall be liable to be prosecuted for abettment."

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The panel recommended charging rationalised GST compensation cess on imported coal stood at Rs 8,359 crore on a total import value of Rs 22,874 crore. This works out to 3.6% cess. In contrast, cess collected from domestic coal stood at Rs 29,066 crore on a value of Rs 11,725 crore, translating into 25% cess.

The panel recommended charging rationalised GST compensation cess on ad valorem basis, where it will be levied as a percentage of the price and linked to quality, instead of fixed amount.

India's import of thermal coal increased 10% in 2023 to 176 million tonnes in spite of record domestic production

Assets in her name doesn't make wife accused in man's DA case: HC

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Navlakha claims 'extortion' as NIA slaps ₹1.6cr security bill

Has Paid ₹10.4L; Had Voluntarily Agreed To Foot House Arrest Tab

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New Delhi: Bhima Koregaon case accused Gautam Navlakha, in house arrest since Nov 2022 at Mumbai's Comrade BT Ranadive Memorial Library with companion Sahiba Hussain, is facing a demand of Rs 1.6 crore from authorities towards escort protection charges, of which he has paid only Rs 10.4 lakh.

Appearing for National Investigation Agency (NIA), additional solicitor general S V Raju informed a bench of Justices M M Sundresh and S V N Bhatti agency's opposition to a year-old plea of Hussain, on behalf of Navlakha for shifting his house arrest location from Mumbai to Delhi. NIA has challenged a Bombay HC order granting him bail in Dec last year.

Raju and advocate Kanu Agrawal said, "As far as house arrest is concerned, they are supposed to make a



The building where Navlakha has been kept under house arrest. NIA opposed his p ea to shift his house arrest from Mumbai to Delhi

payment of Rs 1.6 crore. This is due and payable. They must first make this payment," Navlakha's counsel Nitisha Ramakrishnan immediately said this amount ed to "extortion". How can an agency which keeps an accused under house arrest, demand such an exorbitant amount, she asked. Agrawal

said the amount is relatable to facilities Navlakha and his companion demanded.

Raju objected to legitimate dues being referred to as 'extortion' when it was voluntarily agreed by Navlakha to pay for his house arrest.

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and payable. Ramakrishnan said some amount has already been paid. Navlakha had on Nov 19, 2022 paid Rs 2.4 lakh and on the court order of April 28 last year, deposited Rs 8 lakh more.

When Ramakrishnan reiterated that authorities can't demand more than a crore of rupees from a citizen kept under house arrest, Raju said, "Not all citizens facing grave charges are allowed to stay under house arrest. Moreover, Navlakha had agreed to pay for cost of house arrest facilities."

When Ramakrishnan said Navlakha pays income tax and that there must be a ceiling to what a citizen under house arrest be directed to pay, Justice Bhatti said court must understand facts of the case and then would examine the I-T part of the argument.

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"The right to dissent in a legitimate and lawful manner is an integral part of rights guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a). Every individual must respect the right of others to dissent. An opportunity to peacefully protest against decisions of govt is an essential part of democracy," said Justice Oka, who authored the judgment.

However, the bench clarified that protest or dissent must be within four corners of the modes permissible in a democratic set up. It was subject to reasonable restrictions imposed in accordance with clause (2) of Article 19. In the present case, Hajam had not crossed the line, it said.

The bench said India was a democratic republic for more than 75 years and its population knew the importance of democratic values. "Therefore, it is not possible to conclude that the (se) words will promote disharmony or feelings of enmity," ha

tred or ill will between different religious groups," it said.

SC prescribed the age-old formula for testing what kind of statements would attract Section 153A. "The test to be applied is not the effect of words on some individuals with weak minds or who see a danger in every hostile point of view. The test is of the general impact of utterances on reasonable people who are significant in numbers. Merely because a few individuals may develop hatred or ill will, it will not be sufficient to attract clause(a) of sub-section (1) of Section 153A of IPC," it said.

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HC forms panel to probe protesting farmer's death

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Chandigarh Punjab and Haryana HC constituted on Thursday a committee, headed by a retired HC judge, to investigate the death of farmer Shubhkar Singh, who was killed on Feb 21 in a clash between protesting farmers and Haryana police at Haryana-Punjab border.

HC made it clear that the committee will give a report as to which police authority will have jurisdiction to investigate the farmer's death since the place of occurrence has to be confirmed and one state is shirking its responsibilities whereas the other is yearning to get its hands on the investigation.

The committee is to also examine cause of Shubhkar Singh's death and try to discover type of weapon by recording that it occurred within the jurisdiction of Garhi (Haryana) police station.

HC was also of the view that the investiga-

SC: Right to health already covers palliative care access

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Appearing for PIL petitioner-cum-doctor A Rajashree Nagaraju, senior advocate Jayna Kothari pleaded for a declaration from SC that palliative care is part of right to health under Art 21 (right to life).

A bench of CJ D Y Chan drachud and Justices J B Pardiwala & Manoj Misra said right to health already includes access to palliative care, hence a declaration would be superfluous.

Kothari said globally around 14% of the population received palliative care, but in India, only 1-2% of people requiring palliative care had access to it. "There is no uniform provision of palliative care under the public health system in the country," she said.

SC in Gian Kaur case in 1996 had rejected euthanasia and ruled that it could only be permissible through a leg-

itimately enacted by Parliament. In 2011, in Aruna Ramchandra Shanbaug case, SC allowed peaceful euthanasia but only in cases where such a plea was approved by jurisdictional HC, which relatives could approach after an elaborate process of examination of the patient by a medical board.

However, in 2018, in the Common Cause case, a five-judge bench laid down guidelines titled 'Advance Medical Directive', which could be executed by an adult of sound mind stating withdrawal of life support system when, in future, he enters a permanent vegetative state without any chance of recovery. But this too could be given effect only after multiple medical boards examining the terminally-ill patient and concurrently arriving at the conclusion that there was no chance of the patient surviving with advanced medical care.

Importantly, SC bench,

which included Justice Chandrachud, in 2018 had discussed the need for palliative care as part of right to health, without issuing any direction to govt to devise policy parameters covering the public health system.

After Kothari brought up the untouched field of palliative care in the public health system, CJ led bench issued notice to the Centre, though all states have been made parties in the PIL, and ordered filing of a comprehensive report on administration of palliative care to terminally-ill patients in govt hospitals.

Requesting the court to include palliative care in all health initiatives, including AYUSH, the petitioner said, "Basic palliative care should be provided by all health professionals, as the same is an integral part of right to health and right to live with dignity, and ought to be made available to all persons."

Ranchi: Jharkhand HC on Thursday asked govt whether it has any standard operating procedures (SOP) in place on assistance to foreign tourists coming to the state, reports Chandrajit Mukherjee.

A division bench of Acting Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekhar and Justice Neenu Kumar was hearing a PIL after a foreign tourist of Spanish origin was raped by seven men in Dumka on March 1.

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Maha Speaker acted in total breach of 2023 order, SC told

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Senior advocates Deva-datt Kamat, Kapil Sibal and A.M. Singhvi told a bench of C.J. D.Y. Chandrachud and Justices J.B. Pardi-wala and Manoj Misra that speaker Rahul Narwekar acted in complete breach of the

May 11, 2023 judgment in the Subhash Desai case where it had ruled that "speakers must not base their decision as to which group constitutes the political party on a blind appreciation of which group possesses a majority in the legislative assembly. This is not a game of numbers, but of something more".

Sibal said Maharashtra assembly elections are due in Oct this year and the Shinde faction wants to delay the hearing on the petition filed by Sena (UBT) leader Sunil Prabhu as the Shinde faction has not yet filed its response to the petition despite the court issuing notice on Jan 22. "We need urgent hearing on the petition," he said.

CJI Chandrachud said "The speaker decides (which is the real Sena party) based on legislative strength of the factions. Is this not contrary to our judgment in the Subhash Desai case?"

Kamat said the speaker, while deciding disqualification petitions against Shinde and his faction MLAs moved by the Thackeray group, skirted around the

'Don't cut our throats': Sena leader warns BJP over LS seats in Maha

Mumbai In a clear sharpening of tone over the wrangle for Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra, Shiv Sena leader Ramdas Kadam Thursday said BJP must "not cut their (Sena) throats and betray them." He warned BJP that if the Sena is shortchanged, it would send out a "different message" for the future, reports Chaitanya Marpakkwar.

Kadam, a four-time MLA from Khed in the Konkan region and minister in the Sena-BJP govt from 2014 to 2019 is now with the Sena under chief minister Eknath Shinde. He is keen to safeguard his MLA son Yogesh's interests in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, a seat to which BJP union minister Narayan Rane has staked a claim

crucial undisputed facts — Shinde staking claim and forming govt with help of BJP; all group MLAs belonging to Sena supported him and earned ministerial berths — which fall foul of the anti-defection Act under the 10th Schedule. Responding to the charges, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said Supreme Court has ruled that a petitioner must move high court first and not SC directly. "Why can't the Thackeray faction move HC, where the Shinde faction has already filed a petition and is pending consideration?" he said. SC said the issue required detailed hearing and asked the Shinde faction to file its response latest by April 1, while posting the final hearing on April 11.

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leged that Shinde-led MLAs disobeyed a collective decision. "First one must explain the facts and then go to the law. On factual grounds, the Thackeray faction has no case," he said.

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Yes, I want to make Aaditya CM: Uddhav after Shah jibe

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray expressed his desire for his 33-year-old son

Aaditya to become CM of Maharashtra during a public rally in Dharashiv. His statement followed Union home minister Amit Shah's accusations of dynastic politics against him, reported Prasad Joshi.

"Yes, I want to make Aaditya CM. To make this happen, you all must first elect him to that post," Thackeray said. Shinde had accused opposition leaders of prioritising their family members over public welfare at a public rally in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on March 5. He challenged BJP and other parties to refrain from using photographs of Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray in their election campaigns.

NIA probes cafe blast suspect's trail in Ballari

Bengaluru/Ballari: NIA officials probing the March 1 Rameshwaram cafe blast have learnt that the man who planted the bomb travelled to Ballari from where he is suspected to have gone to Pune. While it is not clear how he reached the Maharashtra city, he is found to have boarded a bus heading to Gokarna in Karnataka on March 1 night.

NIA officials visited Ballari and examined CCTV footage of New Bus Stand, which showed the suspect getting down from a bus and boarding another. Extending his early greet

Neutralisation of Art 370 has given azadi to Kashmiris: PM

Says New Era Of Equal Rights, Opportunities Beckons Valley

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Asserting that Article 370 favoured a select group of politicians and their families, Modi said, "Kashmir has suffered the consequences of dynastic politics since Independence. The truth is now evident, and people cannot be deceived any longer. A new promising era lies ahead for Kashmir, marked by equal opportunities, dignity, and rights for all. Unlike the past, the locals now reap the benefits of various laws and pro-poor schemes initiated by the Centre concurrently."

Criticising dynastic politics that "plagued the region"

an oblique reference to PDP and National Conference, the two main parties rooted in J&K — he called neutralisation of Article 370 a "pro-poor, pro-development and pro-women" initiative that has given "azadi (freedom)" to the people of the Valley. "Congress misguided the nation about Article 370, but who did it benefit," he asked.

He said J&K is "breathing freely" post-Article 370 and pledged accelerated progress over the next five years. "Modi will not leave any stone unturned to repay this debt of affection. This is Modi's sanz (Kashmiri word for guarantee)," he told the huge gathering at the stadium.

Extending his early greet



PM Modi at Shankaracharya Hill. The PM made an unplanned detour to the site, home to a hill top temple believed to have been visited by Adi Shankaracharya, during his journey to Srinagar on Thursday

ings for Ramzan, he said the Centre is committed to usher in transformative changes on the developmental front in the Union Territory over the next five years and that nobody can deride "J&K's train of success, peace and prosperity."

Earlier, Modi distributed appointment letters to almost 1,000 recently recruited govt employees and engaged with beneficiaries of several central schemes, including women achievers, farmers, and entrepreneurs.

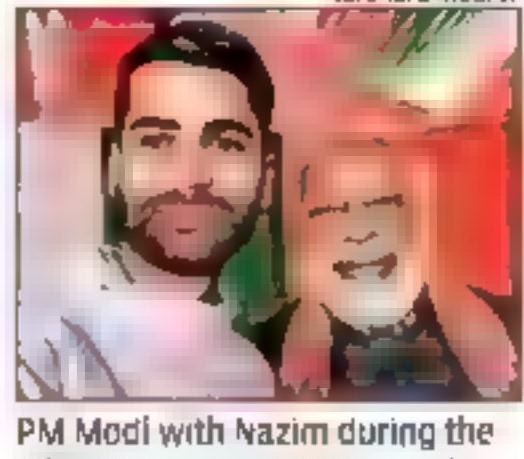
The PM lauded the successful hosting of the G20 event in J&K and said it reflected the popular notion that the region is not a preferred tourist destination. "In 2023 alone, more than two crore tourists visited this region. Amarnath Yatra witnessed the highest number of pilgrims in the last decade, and Vaishno Devi shrine is seeing record breaking footfalls. The influx of foreign tourists has surged two-and-a-half times compared to previous years. Notably, prominent

stars, celebrities, and international guests now make it a point to visit Kashmir, exploring its valleys, creating videos and reels that go viral."

Advocating 'Wed in India' campaign to encourage citizens to opt for domestic destinations such as Kashmir for weddings to support local tourism, the PM stressed that bolstering local spending will not only strengthen the economy but also foster employment opportunities for people in the Valley. "You cannot come see and go back. You should spend 5% to 10% on shopping. I have also purchased from here," Modi said.

The projects dedicated by the PM to the nation included agriculture development programme worth about Rs 5,000 crore and multiple projects related to the tourism sector worth more than Rs 1,400 crore under 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'PRASHAD' scheme including the project for integrated development of Hazratbal shrine in Srinagar.

Modi shares selfie with 'entrepreneur friend Nazim'



Narendra Modi X
PM Modi with Nazim during the 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammi & Kashmir' event on Thursday

Srinagar: Nazim Nazir was buzzing like his busy bees with gratitude, thanking people and fielding calls after Narendra Modi granted the Pulwama beekeeper's wish for a selfie together, a moment the PM later shared on social media, referring to him as "my friend Nazim", reports Saleem Pandit.

Modi engaged with three budding entrepreneurs from Kashmir during the "Viksit Bharat Viksit J&K" programme at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar on Thursday, underscoring the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.

Nazim shared his journey in beekeeping and honey extraction. Starting with just two honey bee boxes in his hut when he was in class 10, Nazim received support from J&K's agriculture department to expand his business. Today, he owns a dozen bee boxes & supplies organic honey to markets across the country.

Kerala guy dismisses 2 vice-chancellors over UGC norms violations

Kerala governor and chancellor of universities Arif Mohammed Khan has ousted the vice-chancellors of Calicut and Sri Sankaracharya universities — MK Jayaraj and MV Narayanan respectively — from their posts on the grounds

that their appointments were not in tune with University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations and hence void ab initio. The vice-chancellors, however, have 10 days to move court against their removal, as per a Kerala HC Jan 22 order. TNN

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No. 1001] NEW DELHI, TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024/PHALGUNA 15, 1945

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5th March, 2024

S.O 1048 (E).-In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/six lane etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Greenfield Highway in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 20 140 in the district of AGRA in the state of UTTAR PRADESH hereby declares its intention to acquire such land

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

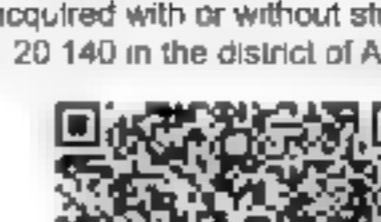
Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely Additional District Magistrate (Land Acquisition)-Agra in writing and shall set out the grounds on which the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

An order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling Greenfield Highway in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 20 140 in the district of AGRA in the state of UTTAR PRADESH



District: AGRA
<https://e-gazette.gov.in>

Publication Date: 05/03/2024

<https://bhoomirashi.gov.in>

Note: The physical copy of this notification is also available at the office of C.A./A.P.L./P.M./R.O./ED and Landowners may also see the notification there.

File Number: NHAI/Agra-Gwalior/Raj/2023/3A2
ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE

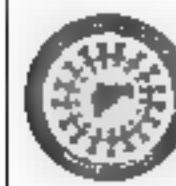
Identification No.: Online Tender - Road N.C.B. No. 91 for 2023-24

Date: 04/03/2024

Letter No. 1432,

1 Name of the work: Road under MMSY-TRIP

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**SHABARI ADIVASI VITTA VA VIKAS MAHAMANDAL MYTD. NASHIK-2**

Regd Office "Adivasi Vitas Bhawan", 3rd Floor, Ram Ganesh Gadkari Chowk,
Old Agra Road, Nashik : 422-002
Phone 2315860 Fax (0253) 2315860

No SAVVM/skill/313/2024 Nashik, Date: 05/03/2024

Advertisement
Expression of Interest (EOI)

For,

Empanelment of Training Provider Agency for conducting "Employment Based Skill Development Training Program Under Tribal Development Department" popularly known as "Eklavya Kushal".

Shabari Adivasi Vitta Va Vikas Mahamandal Marya., Nashik intend to implement a Skill Development Training Program This program aims to provide Residential and Non-residential skill training to Scheduled Tribe youth and young women in Maharashtra state.

In order to empanel training provider agencies for this program, a tender has been issued. The tender document provides complete details about the project, qualification and eligibility criteria for service provider agency, and other relevant information. The interested training institutes are invited to submit their application online, via Mahatender web portal (<https://mahatenders.gov.in>). The tender document are also available on Ekavaya Kushal web portal (<https://eklavayakushal.in/>).

S.N.	Activity	Timeline
1	Tender Publication	Date: 07 03 2024, Day: Thursday, Time: 11:30 AM
2	Pre Bid Meeting (Pre Bid)	Date: 14 03 2024, Day: Thursday, Time: Mon. 12.30 pm
3	Last date for submission of tender	Date: 28 03 2024, Day: Thursday, Time: 5.00 p.m
4	Date of Tender Opening	Date: 01 04 2024, Monday Time: 11.00 hrs

The decision made by the Managing Director, Shabari Adivasi Vitta Va Vikas Mahamandal Marya., Nashik, regarding the selection process of service provider agencies is deemed final and binding.

Sd/-
(Smt. Leena Bansod IAS)
Managing Director
Shabari Adivasi Vitta Va Vikas Mahamandal, Nashik

DGIPR/2023-2024/9328

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G2C

E-Procurement Tender Notice No -03/2023-24 Date 02 03 2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, Deputy Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, North Central Railway, Kanpur, invites the E-Procurement Tender for following items:

Tender No.	Brief Description	QTY	Tender Opening Date
53245174	Cast Steel Bogie Complete	12 Nos	

Note : The complete information of above E-Procurement is available on e-REPS website at <https://www.reps.gov.in> 377/24 FA

North central railway e-procurement www.ncreps.nic.in

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TTD, TIRUMALA DT, A.P.

TENDER NOTICE

ADV No 102/D/3/C/E/TD/2023-24 & NT No.442/SE-I/TD/2023-24, Dt. 06/03/2024

Name of Works: (1) Construction of Yagashala for Sri Srinivasa Divyanugraha Homam at Aippin. Amount Rs.550 Lakhs, Time for completion 18 months.

Note: For full detail log on to the website <https://www.tirumala.org>.

ROC No PRM 13964/Adv No. 364 PRM 2024, Dated: 07 03 2024 Sd/- Executive Officer

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed tenders are invited from the manufacturers or their sole authorized distributors/ sole agents on the prescribed form for below mentioned items for two years:

- 1. In Amphotericin B Liposomal 60mg vial
- 2. Balanced Crystallloid Resuscitation Fluid 500ml Bottles

Due date for submission of Tender is 27.03.2024 by 12.30 hours.

Details of Tender Notice & Tender Form are available at our website e-procure.gov.in

Purchase Officer (HPD), Proc. Drugs & Dressing

Government of Punjab**(Department of Health & Family Welfare)**

Bid Ref No.: E-tender/PHSC/Proc/2024/136

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Procurement of 40 lakh Chlorine Tablets as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website <https://e-procure.punjab.gov.in>.

Date, time and place of pre bid conference: 19.03.2024 at 11:30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohali-160062 Phone No. 0172-232245, 232247

Closing Date and Time: 15.04.2024 till 11.30 am

For details log on <https://e-procure.punjab.gov.in>.

Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only. No separate communication shall be given to any of the bidders. All the prospective bidders are advised to check the website regularly.

—ad—
MANAGING DIRECTOR
PHSC Mohali**HEAD OFFICE UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM**

11-MOHINI ROAD, BEHRABUN, UTTARAKHAND-246001

Email: gmpluwb.upaven@gmail.com

DPR/PB.. PHSC/123/54/2023/33368

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tender are invited for the following works.

1- Survey Design & Construction of Tube Wells Pump House Overhead Tanks & Laying and Joining of Raising Main & Distribution system consisting of different sizes of DI Pipe STC of pumping plants & providing Water meter connections and all other appurtenant Civil & Electro-Mechanical works specified in the BOD of tender document including supply of all materials, labour T&P etc required for proper completion of work of I.I.E Kashi pur Water Supply Scheme under Deposit Programme.

A (i) Name of Division World Bank Project Unit
Jittarkhand Payjal Nigam, Haldwani
Rs 1037.50 Lakhs

(ii) Estimated Cost of Work 15+2 Months

(iii) Period of completion/ Trial Testing Rs 20.75 Lakh

(iv) Earnest Money 28.03.2024, 17.00 hrs

3- Cost of each tender Rs 5000+ 18% GST

Detailed E-Tender notice and tender document will be published in [www.uktenders.gov.in](https://uktenders.gov.in) on 11.03.2024 at 17:00 hrs.

General Manager(PII)

Government of Punjab**(Department of Health & Family Welfare)**

Bid Ref No.: E-tender/PHSC/Proc/2024/135

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Rate Contract of various types of Glasswares in Test Tubes, Beakers, Conical Flat Bottom Flask, Measuring Cylinders, Filtering Funnel, Glass Bottles, Petri Plates etc as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website <https://e-procure.punjab.gov.in>.

Date, time and place of pre bid conference: 20.03.2024 at 11:30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohali-160062 Phone No 0172-232245, 232247

Closing Date and Time: 15.04.2024 till 11.30 am

For details log on <https://e-procure.punjab.gov.in>.

Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only. No separate communication shall be given to any of the bidders. All the prospective bidders are advised to check the website regularly.

—ad—
MANAGING DIRECTOR
PHSC Mohali**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**

Regd. Office - PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number : U46109PB2010SGC033813,
Website : www.pspcl.in [Contact No. 96461-22185]

Tender Enquiry No. 313/SS(D)-366/Spare | Dated: 06 03 2024

Dy. CE/ Substation Design/ TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply and Delivery (F.O.R. Destination at any place in Punjab) of 237 Nos. 60KV, 10KA Station type Heavy Duty, Class-III, Zinc Oxide (Gapless Type) Lightning Arresters suitable for 3 phase, 50 Cycles, 66 KV Solidly Grounded Neutral System. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://e-procure.punjab.gov.in> from 11.03.2024 (11:00 AM onwards).

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://e-procure.punjab.gov.in>

C 204/24 DPR/PB.. 76155/12/2802/2023/33374

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office - PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number : U46109PB2010SGC033813,
Website : www.pspcl.in [Contact No. 96461-22185]

Tender Enquiry No. 312/SS(D)-363/Spare | Dated: 06 03 2024

Dy. CE/ Substation (Design)/ TS Organization, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of Tubular Type Lead Acid DC Batteries of various ratings. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://e-procure.punjab.gov.in> from 11.03.2024 (11:00 AM onwards).

Note : Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://e-procure.punjab.gov.in>

C 203/24 DPR/PB.. 76155/12/2802/2023/33374

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, GARTWA ZONE-26, CIVIL LINES, RISHIKESH**E-TENDER CORRIDENDUM**

The following e-tenders are hereby extended 1. Procurement of 245 KV & 145 KV Current Transformers at 220 KV Substation SIDCUL Hardwar against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-27/2023-24. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 26.03.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 27.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs.

2. Procurement of 145 KV & 33 KV Circuit Breaker at 220 KV Substation SIDCUL, Hardwar against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-28/2023-24. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 26.03.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 27.03.2024 at 16.00 hrs.

Details of e-tender can be obtained from e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in and information of e-tender can be seen from PTCL website www.ptcl.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mob. No. +91 8899890000

CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)

No. 432/CE(O&M)/GZR/Adv. Dated: 06/03/2024

"SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION"

Tender Enquiry No. MUHS / PLR/04/2024

Maharashtra University Of Health Sciences, Nashik

Dindori Road, Nashik - 422004

Phone No. 0253-2539149 PBX. 0253-2539100,300

Email: registrar@muhs.ac.in/purchase@muhs.ac.in

Website: <http://www.muhs.ac.in>

E tender Notice No. MUHS / PLR/04/2024

Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik invite proposed for supply of Manikins, Equipment, Software, ect. for the simulation lab under the proposed Centre of Excellence (COE) at MUHS Nashik

For the detailed Tender document, interested bidder should visit <http://mahatenders.gov.in> and www.muhs.ac.in

Tender Submission would be online and the deadline to submit the proposals is 26/03/2024

Date: 8.03.2024

Registrar

MU HS, Nashik

HIMACHAL BRAHMIN STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online Single Stage (Two Envelope) tenders are invited for the loss reduction work under RDSS, or the prescribed form (Tender Documents). The key dates of tenders are as per detail given below. The detailed tender notice, terms and conditions alongwith tender documents can be viewed/ downloaded from website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>.

Tender No. CE/MM/RDSS-(P-1)/Central Zone

Description of Items Loss Reduction Work under RDSS for Central Zone

Estd. Cost (In Cr.) 561.66

Tender fee incl. of GST @18% (Non-refundable)

(In Rs.) 1475/-

EMD (In Cr.) 5.00

KEY DATES

Date of online publication & download of tendered documents from website 07 03 2024 (06 00 pm)

Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting 14 03 2024 (at 11.30 am)

Start date & time of bid submission 21 03 20


**FAKIR MOHAN UNIVERSITY,
VYASA VIHAR, BALASORE - 756089**

No:fmu-lib-pur-104/2024/1829

Date: 07/03/2024

TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF BOOKS

Fakir Mohan University invites sealed tenders in two bid systems from reputed/ leading publ shers & suppliers/ distributor firms for supply of books to Dr H. K. Mahatab Library of the University. The firms interested to supply books as per the terms and conditions of this University should apply in prescribed format available in the University website: www.fmuuniversity.nic.in on or before 2nd April, 2024 by 5 p.m. Library Purchase Committee has fixed minimum discount of 20% on all types of Indian and foreign publications except Government Publications. So, the interested bidder should quote the discount more than 20% in average for Indian publications and Foreign publications in financial bid separately. Financial Bid and technical bid complete in all respect should reach the undersigned by Registered/ Speed post latest by 5:00 PM of the last date. Incomplete tender papers or Tender received after due time and date will be rejected. The papers will be opened on 3rd April, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. The bidders or their authorised representative may remain present during the opening of the technical and financial bids. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all quotation(s) without ass gn any reason thereof. In case of any dispute the decision of the University authority shall be final and binding on all bidders.

Interested bidders may visit our website (www.fmuuniversity.nic.in) for details of the procurement process, quotation call notice and related communication.

Sd/- REGISTRAR

जेम निवाचन सूचना

भारत निवाचन आयोग द्वारा आगमी लोकसभा सामान्य निवाचन-2024 के दौरान कम से कम 50 प्रतिशत मतदेय स्थलों पर वेबकास्टिंग कराये जाने के निर्देश दिये गये हैं। आयोग के उक्त निर्देशों के क्रम में मतदान दिवस को मतदेय स्थलों पर वेबकास्टिंग का कार्य कराये जाने हेतु जेम पोर्टल पर बिड सख्ता-

GEM/2024/B/4733296, दिनांक 04.03.2024 को अपलोड कर दिया गया है।

नवदीप रिणवा

मुख्य निवाचन अधिकारी

लखनऊ : दिनांक 05: मार्च, 2024 UPID 205182 dt 05.03.2024, www.upgov.nic.in**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER P.W.D UJJAIN ZONE UJJAIN**
No 0734-2524462 E-Mail: cepwdujjain@mp.nic.in**Tender Notice**

NIT of 27 GEN/CE/2023-24

Ujjain Date 02-03-2024

Online Percentage rate Tender for the work mentioned below are being invited. The Tender has/have been uploaded on the e-Procurement system of Public Works Department on the Portal www.mptenders.gov.in Tender details are as below -

S. No.	Division Name	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Cost of Project (PAC) (Rs. In Lakh)	Time Period
1	Dewas	2024-PWDRB-340847, pack 1	CONSTRUCTION OF JANOLI TO DEVALI APPROACH ROAD LENGTH 1.50 KM, KARADIYA FATA TO DEHRI APPROACH ROAD LENGTH 1.25 KM, PIPALYAKHURD TO KHOKRIYA ROAD LENGTH 4.00 KM, ENABAD BYPASS ROAD LENGTH 0.80 WITH UTILITY SHIFTING AND LONGDIYA BHIMARWA QM APPROACH ROAD LENGTH 0.25 KM AND NEORI FATA TO BHOPAL ROAD LENGTH 5.40 KM UTILITY SHIFTING DN DEWAS	1084.42	18 Months Including Rainy Season
2	Ujjain	2024-PWDRB-340848, pack 1	CONSTRUCTION OF NAGDA UJJAIN TO MAKAL VILLAGE PUSHTA FECOTRY ROAD NAI BASATI PMGSY ROAD TO NAI BABTI WARD VILLAGE SURJAKHEDI ROAD (INCLUDING ELECTRICAL WORK) UNHEL RAILWAY STATION TO BARKHA ROAD LENGTH 2.20 KM, NAFOA CIRCLE SOURCE BURTT ROAD MANDIR TO RADEHKRISHNA MANDIR ROAD (INCLUDING ELECTRICAL WORK) Total 5.99 LENGTH DN UJJAIN	554.78	12 Months Including Rainy Season
3	Ujjain	2024-PWDRB-340849, pack 1	CONST. OF BIHARI TO RAMGARI ROAD LENGTH 9.50 KM. AT SUB DN MAHDIPUR DN, UJJAIN.	683.03	12 Months Including Rainy Season

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The last date & time for purchase of document and online Bid Submission on line is Dated 18-03-2024 up to 17:30 PM. Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

Sd/-

CHIEF ENGINEER

PWD UJJAIN ZONE UJJAIN

JKPDC
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION DIVISION POWER HOUSE BHEP-II CHANDERKOTE
Email: xenogenbhep@gmail.com Tel / fax - 01998-288052

E-NIT No:-GEN/BHEP-II/18 of 2023

Dated : 04/03/2024

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of Managing Director JKPDC on Tender basis, are invited for "SUPPLY OF MANDATORY TURBINE, MIV and OTHER ASSOCIATED SPARES" for 450 MW (3X150) BAGLIHAR HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE-II from the Hydro-Mechanical Contractors / Original Equipment Manufacturers for below mentioned supply.

The Scanned copies of the bids should be uploaded online on www.tenders.gov.in. Complete bidding process will be online.

S. No	Scope of Work	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document	Estimate cost inclusive of all taxes and duties (in Rs.)	Date of opening of Bid
1	Supply of Mandatory Turbine, MIV and other associated Spares For 450 MW (3x150) Baglihar Hydro Electric Project Stage-II	Rs. 2,95,260/-	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs 1,47,63000/-	27-03-2024

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.tenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below -

1 Date of Issue of Tender Notice 04-03-2024

2 Period of downloading of bidding documents 04-03-2024

3 Pre bid meeting 11-03-2024

4 Bid submission Start Date 11-03-2024

5 Bid Submission End Date 26-03-2024 at 04:00 PM

6 Date & time of opening of tech Bids (Online) 27-03-2024 at 06:00 PM

Bidder must read term/condition in tender document carefully before uploading the tender.

1. Complete bidding process will be online.

2. Bid must be accompanied by (i) Bid security (EMD), which should be in the shape of Bank Guarantee/CDR/FDR of any NATIONALISED BANK pledged to Chief Pay & Accounts Officer BHEP Chanderkote & (ii) The cost of the downloaded Tender Document in the form e-challan or Demand Draft (DD) (of J&K Bank or SBI Bank) in favour of Chief Pay & Accounts officer BHEP payable at Chanderkote District Ramgan (J&K).

Account No. as 0240010200000002

IFSC code as JAKAOCHNDAR

Bank: J&K Bank Ltd Chanderkote

3. The original documents in respect of cost of document, EMD documents etc Should reach in the Office of Executive Engineer Generation Division, BHEP-II on or before 27/03/2024 If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt as specified, the same will be received on the next working day up to 4.00 pm at the same venue. JKSPDC will not be responsible for any delay due to any reason.

-Sd-

Executive Engineer
Generation Division
BHEP-II, Chanderkote.No:-GEN/BHEP-II/2090-97
Dated:-04-03-2024
DIP No:D/P-J-5645/P-23/03/03 2024**OFFICE OF THE ROURKELA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Udit Nagar, Rourkela Dist-Sundargarh (Odisha) Pin-759012

Website: www.rmc.nic.inEmailId: rourkelamunicipality@gmail.com

No. 3089

Date: 04.03.2024

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Sealed applications are invited from the reputed firms /agencies for "Upgradation of Esri ArcGIS License and Jumpstart Service"

For detail technical specifications along with terms & conditions etc. may be seen from the website of Rourkela Municipal Corporation i.e. www.rmc.nic.in. Date of issue of tender documents from dtd 04.03.2024. The last date for receipt of sealed tender is 11.03.2024 till 1.00 P.M. through Speed Post/ Regd. Post /Courier/ or by hand in the office address of the undersigned

Sd/-
Commissioner
Rourkela Municipal Corporation
DIPR-1313111011923-34

**ARYABHATTA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF OBSERVATIONAL SCIENCES (ARIES)**
MANORA PEAK, NAINITAL, UTTARAKHAND**Walk-in-interview**

Walk in interview for the following positions of Project Assistant and Finance and Accounts Manager on contractual basis at the institute, shall be conducted on 18 March 2024 at 10 AM.

Sr. No.	Post Name	No. of Posts	Age Limit (as on March.01.2024)	Consolidated Pay (Rs. Per Month)
1.	Project Assistant	01	35 Years	25000/-
2.	Finance and Account Manager	01	45 Years	40000/-

Application form and other terms and conditions are available at institute website www.aries.res.in

Registrar

**Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)**

In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar-751001

Tel.: (0674) 2380608 Website: www.osmcl.nic.in, Email: proc.osmcl.od@nic.in

Notification No. 1600/OSMCL/2024 Date - 06.03.2024

NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF RADIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT

Online Bids through e-Tender portal ([https://tendersodisha.gov.in](http://tendersodisha.gov.in)) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below

Sl. No.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost Inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1	Bid Reference No: OSMCL/2023-24/RADOTHERAPY EQP/27	TENDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF RADIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT	Rs. 5,900/-

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites www.osmcl.nic.in and [https://tendersodisha.gov.in](http://tendersodisha.gov.in). The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Managing Director, OSMCL
OPIR-1011211000127-71**Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)**

in front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar-751001

Tel.: (0674) 2380608 Website: www.osmcl.nic.in, Email: proc.osmcl.od@nic.in

Notification No. 1674/OSMCL/2024 Date - 06.03.2024

NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF CARDIAC CATH LAB UNIT FOR DEPT. OF CARDIOLOGY, SCBMCH-CUTTACK AND BMRC CARDIAC CARE HOSPITAL-JHARSUGUDA

Online Bids through e-Tender portal ([https://tendersodisha.gov.in](http://tendersodisha.gov.in)) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below

Sl. No.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost Inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1	Bid Reference No: OSMCL/2023-24/CARDIAC CATH LAB JNT/25	Tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Cardiac Cath Lab Unit for Deptt. of Cardiology, SCBMCH-Cuttack and BMRC Cardiac Care Hospital-Jharsuguda	Rs. 5,900/-

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites www.osmcl.nic.in and [https://tendersodisha](http://tendersodisha.gov.in)

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813.
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 95461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 311/DS-182/SS(D)-II/ROSS

Dy. CE/Sub-Station (Design) TS Organization, C-1 Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for manufacture testing, supply & delivery of 35 nos. 66kV SF₆ Circuit Breakers (under RDSS). For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to <https://gem.gov.in/> from 06.03.24 (11.00 AM onwards).

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://gem.gov.in/>

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Office of the Executive Engineer (Project - East),
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21st Floor, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bengaluru - 560001

No: EE/P-E/Tend-06/2023-24 Date: 06-03-2024

CANCELLATION OF TENDER

Due to Technical problem this Undersign Office is unable to Publish the Tender in E-Portal hence wth respect to the Tender Notification No: EE/P-E/Tend/06/2023-24 issued on dated: 04-03-2024 is Cancelled

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Project - East), BBMP

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Deputy Director of Horticulture,
Annex-II Building, BBMP Head Office,
N. R. Square, Bengaluru.

No DDH/TENDER/01/2023-24 Date: 06-03-2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover System)
(Through GOK Kpp Portal) (KW-1 to KW-4)
website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only

The Deputy Director of Horticulture invites tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules, 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/Firms registered in Labour department for Maintenance of Parks

Sd/- Deputy Director of Horticulture, BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project Central-6),
N. R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE/PC-6/TEND/03/2023-24 Date: 05-03-2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (SHORT TERM)-(CALL-2)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

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Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560 092

No: EE/BTP/BBMP/KPPP/22/2023-24 Date: 04-03-2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)

(Through GOK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)

Tender for the following works on item rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division BBMP, from the registered Contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-6, BBMP.

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(Standard Tender Document - KW-3 & KW-4)

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electricity, Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, III Floor, Bengaluru - 560 009. Tel : 080-22274744

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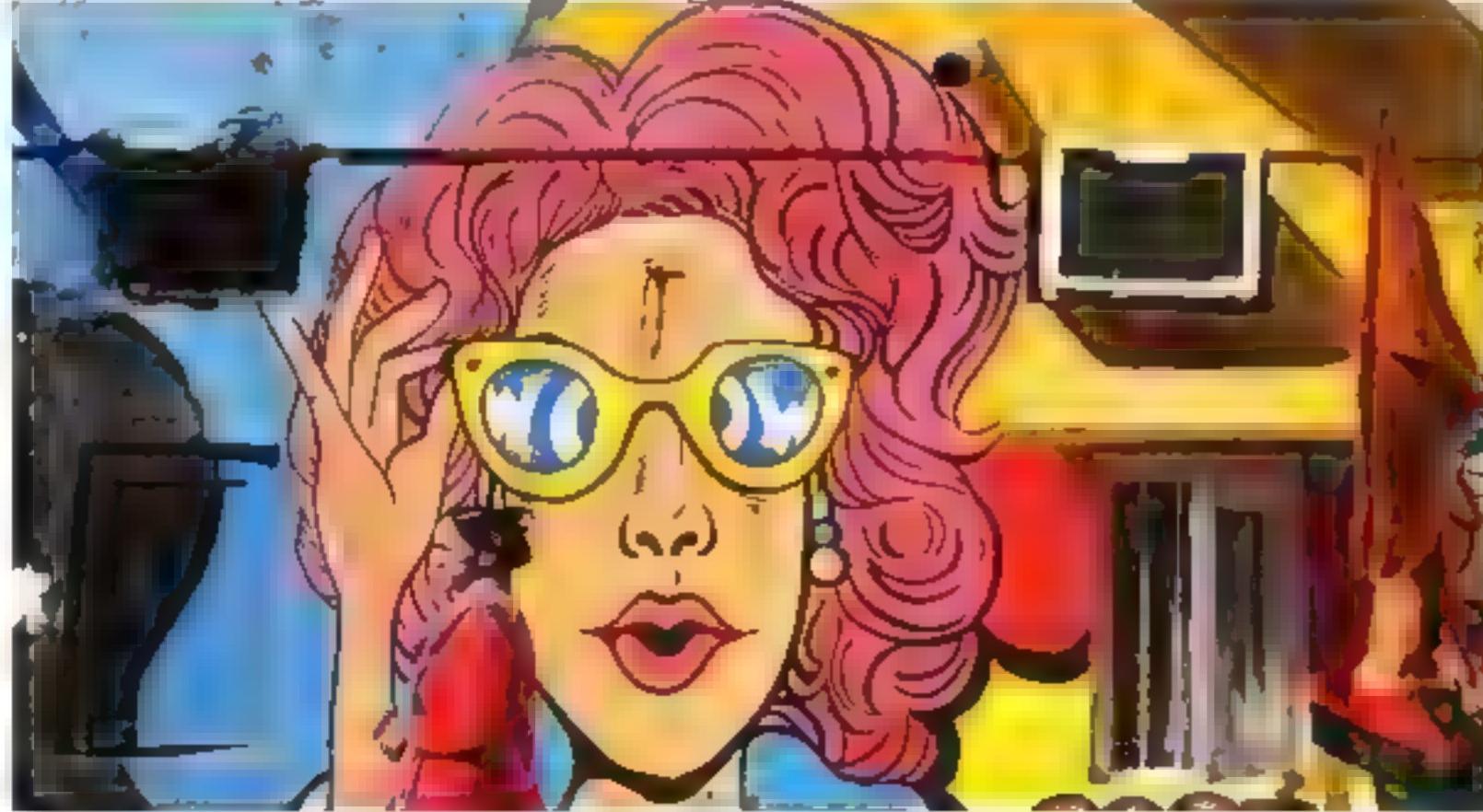
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As We See It

TALKING POINT

HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY BUT DO WE REALLY NEED IT?

As March 8 rolls around every year, streets, malls and workplaces bust out the pink and purple. International Women's Day has been co-opted and commercialised, often reduced to just a cheery slogan and a rose. It leads us to the question: Do we really need to mark this day? Shouldn't our political, economic, cultural and social challenges matter 24/7/365, and not be settled with token attention on one day? The thing is gender equality has not been achieved, it is a work in progress, so marking this day matters. It remains an occasion to take stock of how far we've come and how much further we have to go.



I HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Women's Day has a radical history. During the Cold War, the US and the Communist world fought over its origins. Some say that it started in 1909, when socialist women and textile garment workers in New York protested their low pay and long hours and declared it National Women's Day. Others attribute it to the anti-fascist and socialist German leader Clara Zetkin. European activists demanded equal pay, voting and workers' rights. More than a million people showed up for these rallies. Russia started observing the day in 1913, when women textile workers led by Alexandra Kollontai began a demonstration for 'Bread and Peace', a movement that played a part in the Russian Revolution.

For pioneers of Women's Day like Kollontai and Zetkin, gender justice was a universal project. It was against domination based on race or empire, feudal order, capitalist relations or family hierarchy. It was 'intersectional' before there was a word for it.

2 MAKING IT OFFICIAL

The UN began marking International Women's Day in 1975, and it shed its leftist associations. Over the years, Women's Day has become a public holiday in many countries. Some have customs that make a fuss over women, give them presents, flowers and so on, or announce shopping deals and discounts for them. But Women's Day has remained true to its radical roots too, as an occasion to wrench attention to injustice. In the US, Iran, Spain, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Poland and Pakistan, women have taken to the streets – protesting femicides, the curtailing of reproductive rights, the lack of mobility and autonomy, conflict and displacement as well as the violence and licensed cruelty of patriarchy everywhere.



3 NONE OF US ARE EQUAL TILL ALL OF US ARE EQUAL

Today, women's rights are backsliding everywhere – in Afghanistan, the Taliban has restricted women from education, employment and public life. In the US, reproductive rights have been restricted. Authoritarian regimes either reject the idea of gender equality or champion women's causes as a cover for more systematic repression, as in Rwanda and Saudi Arabia. War and conflict have been catastrophic for women in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and elsewhere. On social media, influencers demonise feminism and media cocktail tilts in this direction too.

Women's Day reminds us that women's freedoms are hard-won and fragile. Feminism must link us across all our differences, without being one-size-fits-all. The obstacles we face are not just as women, but also as members of our class and community. Also, patriarchy does not mean all men have the same power. Feminism is not about pop songs and tote bags, cute merch or sassy slogans either. It is not a framework for personal liberation or ascendance, but for wider solidarity. As Gloria Steinem put it, we're not fighting for a piece of the pie, but to bake something new altogether.

STATS STACK

Oscars are around the corner, but change at the Academy Awards is still a ways away. Less than 10% of screenwriting winners have been women, and only three women have won Best Director thus far, data analysis by Sky News shows

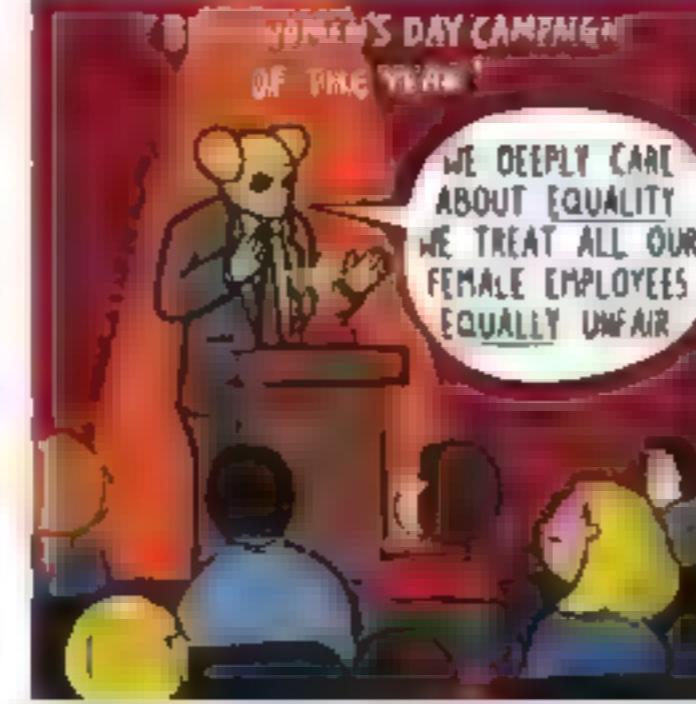
GENDER NEWS FROM THE WORLD

France makes abortion a constitutional right In a big win for reproductive freedoms, French lawmakers on March 4 overwhelmingly approved a bill to enshrine abortion rights in France's constitution. The measure, approved in a 780-72 vote, makes France the only country to explicitly guarantee a woman's right to voluntarily terminate a pregnancy, AP reports.



SEEN AND HEARD

Credit: Instagram/Manasi_D



Female rage illustrated Liana Finck's illustrations, bobbing between the absurd and mundane, are deeply relatable. In this particularly enjoyable one, a woman – all signs point to her being an overworked mother – screams at a man to ask about her day. In another, titled 'acts of bravery', her signature squiggly woman practices saying no – to work, to her partner and to herself in the mirror. A much-needed skill, indeed.

Companies celebrate Women's Day (one day offer only)

This hilarious illustration by Manasi D captures the absurdity of Women's Day campaigns by corporations. The performative platforming of their scant few female leaders, maybe a pink-themed gift given to female employees – all of that is well and good but so is equal pay, a gender-equal work culture and destruction of the glass ceiling. Thanks for the pink mug though!



TWO READS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

The dating game

Dating app users, sick and tired, are taking matters into their own hands by trying to game the system. An NYT piece looks at people becoming increasingly suspicious of apps and their algorithms, treating them as gatekeepers standing in the way of love rather than enabling it. Some feel apps are just trying to get them to become paying members – 26% of users pay for dating apps now. They're trying, instead, so-called hacks like deactivating and reactivating their accounts, switching locations to another city or passing on attractive people, all strategies derived from TikToks. If love is a game, some feel, why not cheat your way through?



A story about (un)equal pay

When Glasgow-based carer Frances Stojiljkovic got a letter offering her money due to wage disparity between men and women back in 2005, it felt like a blessing. It came at a cost, as all money does – waving the right to further equal pay aims. But the pay gap did not get better, it got worse, in fact. In a fascinating long read in The Guardian, the struggle of Stojiljkovic and other female care workers is detailed, as are the implications of making equal pay a reality.



AN INTERNET-AGE GLOSSARY OF SEXISM

Mansplaining

Men love explaining things to women. And even more than that, they love explaining things women already know to women. The term, which is inspired by author Rebecca Solnit's 2008 essay 'Men explain things to me', in the essay, a perfect example of the phenomenon, she describes a man interrupting her (more on that later) describing books she's written to tell her about a book that he read about, not realising that she wrote it.



Broprionate | Have you ever had a good idea, only to have a man repeat it with more confidence or simply decibels? Welcome to the world of broprionate. Credit is a fickle thing, and some take it where they can get it (preferably from the brains of women).

Himpathy | The life-cycle of a male perpetrator of violence or misogyny is a sight to behold – when he's young, boys will be boys and when he's old, he's from another time. Himpathy refers to the outsized empathy we have for male perpetrators, more than the empathy we offer victims. Like when the reaction to sexual violence is worrying about a man's reputation, not a woman's safety.

Benevolent sexism | It's a strange feeling to be put on a pedestal that's underground, but that's kind of how benevolent sexism works. It describes behaviours that are patronising, in a way that seems supportive. When men would rather protect than empower, look down upon or elevate, say 'tsk, you poor thing' than actually change the systems, you've found yourself in the murky waters of benevolent sexism.

Illustrations: Chad Crowe

ManSpreading | Oh, to take up space. You've seen it on public transport or while trying to work out of a cramped cafe, manspreading refers to the habit that many men have wherein they spread their legs, unaware of how much surface area their gams are taking up. If that isn't an apt metaphor for the way patriarchy functions, we don't know what is.



Manterrupting

Manterrupting – oh, sorry. No, go ahead – refers to the propensity that certain men have to speak over the women around them. Whether that's interrupting your story to add a tidbit they consider to be a gem or speaking out of turn during a presentation to chime in with an inane comment, it speaks to a lack of situational awareness spurred by their gender or sometimes merely the assumption that whatever it is they have to say is more important.

GirlBoss | Speaking of patronising attitudes, the term 'girlboss' is a great example. While it started off being used in ways meant to be complimentary – referring to an ambitious or successful woman, it has taken on a more tongue-in-cheek tenor of late. This perhaps stems from the recognition that the success of individual women does not help the rest of us. One female CEO does not an equal society make.

Feminine rage | When you're consistently unsafe, discriminated against or underestimated, a little bit of anger is understandable. Feminine rage refers to the specific anger and frustration women feel. Anger can be more than a feeling – it can be a call to action, a demand for equality, accountability and safety.

Curated by Ketaki Desai

Dropout rate to broken roads, girls from remote areas harness power of writing to bring change

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THE MIGHTY PEN: (From left) Hema Rawal, Priyanka Sahu, Rehana Kausar and Rukhsar Kausar

Hema Rawal's family in Uttarakhand's Bagheshwar lost the small piece of roof they had over their heads during heavy rain in 2022, leaving the seven of them without a proper home. With no help forthcoming for nearly a year, Hema wrote about her family's plight and that of others in the village who lost their house or land – in a local newspaper. That stirred things up. The village head moved an application filed by the family for a house under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Last year, Hema's family moved into their new two-room house.

In J&K's Poonch, Rukhsar Kausar wrote about girls dropping out of a govt school, because its dilapidated boundary wall was making them feel unsafe on campus. Within months, the education department sanctioned a budget for the long neglected school.

From bad roads to poor internet, girls living in remote

corners are harnessing the power of writing to bring change to their communities.

Hema, now 18, told TOI over the phone that her article – 'Qalam ki taqat se ba dilaq mukmin hai' (Power of the pen can bring about change) – was published in July 2023. "My family had filed the application for a home under the PMAY in 2015, but the file did not move beyond the village administration's office. In the August 2022 flash floods, our one-room house in Ganis suffered heavy damage. Many of the houses in our village were similarly hit. In my article, I highlighted the most basic of our concerns – damaged houses and rain-washed roads.

Within two months of my article, our PMAY application was approved. Now, we have two two-room houses," Rawal said.

Gani village head Hema Devi confirmed the Rawal family had shifted to their new house, constructed under the PMAY, last year.

Rukhsar, who wrote for a website in 2022, quizzed some teachers to say that nearly 50% of girls had dropped out of the govt-run middle school, tucked away in Chhatral. Deputy chief education officer (Poonch) Mohammed Latif Choudhary told TOI after the article was published, funds for the perimeter wall were cleared and work will start soon.

An article published by Rehana Kausar, also from Poonch, in a local Urdu news

paper helped a disabled schoolgirl, Rukhsana, access free education. Rehana had highlighted how the rugged terrain of Mandi had made it difficult for Rukhsar to reach school. The article caught the attention of the social welfare department and they decided to sponsor her education to help her continue.

"It is heartening to see the article was noticed by govt and help was provided to Rukhsar," Rehana said.

In Bihari, Priyanka Sahu, a 20-year-old from Muzaffarpur's Guriyaria village, has written two articles on the lack of digital learning tools and functional toilets in rural schools. Her article 'Maha vari me school chhotne ka daard' (pain of dropping out of school due to menstruation) – published in April last year

highlighted how girls skip school during their periods because toilets weren't there. The second article – 'Digital saksharta se door gramam bhara' (Rural India deprived of digital literacy) – was published in a prominent Hindi newspaper in Jan last year

and Soumya is training with him.

"What she is doing is very inspiring. She has announced that she can sponsor five players. Any player who needs help can meet me or Soumya. We will keep it confidential," said Chenani.

Soumya started training under coach Suresh Chenani at Arera Cricket Academy in Bhopal at the age of 11. Within a year, she made it to senior team of Bhopal Division. At 13, she became a member of MP's Under-19 team and also the state Under-23 team.

She made her debut with MP seniors at the age of 15. In 2019, she captained Women U16 Central Zone team to victory. With an all-round performance, she received Player of the Tournament trophy.

Soumya scored a century in Challenger Trophy in 2021 for India-C in women's U-19 group. In 2022, as captain, she led MP women's U-19 team to victory in domestic T20 tournament. BCCI then made Soumya captain of India A.

She was vice-captain of the Indian team for the five-match series against New Zealand in Mumbai.

She played a crucial role in India's maiden women's World Cup trophy in 2023. And, in Aug-Sep 2023, Soumya was made vice-captain for Asia Emerging Cup and played an important role in Asia Cup in Hong Kong where India came second. In 2023, Soumya was made captain of MP women's Under-23 team and led them to victory in National T20 Tournament on Dec 31.

Soumya now training with him.

"The joy of giving has little to do with how much you earn. It is more about who you are and how much you care. Young Soumya Tiwari's altruistic gesture is a reminder to all, including million-dollar cricketers, that money can be put to better use for the greater good. She deserves to be commended by all, especially BCCI."

"When I told my coach, Chenani, he was very happy and said he would help me find such players. Some cricketers approached me and I have arranged kits and other support for them," said Soumya, who studies in Class XII.

Chenani said she is already sponsoring an orphan

Soumya scored a century

Women surpass men by 15% in EC's drive to enrol new voters

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Pune: Women have surpassed men in enrolment of new voters during an ongoing drive, which is being conducted across the country by EC since Jan last year.

Figures from an EC report released this week showed that in the 13-month period till Jan this year, new women voters exceeded men by 15%. Of the 2.6 crore new voters enrolled during this period, 1.4 crore were women and men stood at 2 crore.

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The Future is SHE: TOI event on IWD

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: On the occasion of International Women's Day, TOI will organise on Friday a series of virtual discussions – The Future is SHE: Season 3 – to mark the celebration of women's achievements in every sphere of society.

Under the compelling theme of 'Inspiring Inclusion', the event will highlight diversity, recognising its significance in shaping a more equitable world. Spanning across various fields, including corporate, STEM, entertainment, energy, sports, family business and culture, the event will see an impressive line-up of women speakers who are trailblazers in their respective fields.

Among the distinguished panellists will be Schauna Chauhan, CEO of Parle Agro; Sulajja Firodia Motwani CEO of Kinetic Green Rukmani Krishnamurthy, first woman forensic scientist, Sangita Reddy, joint MD of Apollo Hospital, Dr. Meenakshi Borwankar, retired IPS officer, Madhumita Lele Srivastava, known as India's 'rocket woman', sending out a strong message on International Women's Day on the need to create equal workspaces and an equal world.</

Government of Kerala
Published Tenders from 04-03-2024 to 06-03-2024
Ground Water Department
Tender ID: 2024_GWD_667143 1 * Director * SUPPLY AND CUSTOMIZATION OF 2 NOS MOBILE WATER QUALITY TESTI * Closing Date: 26-Mar-2024 * PAC: Rs14000000
Visit <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> for more details
R/o. No:04-06/Mar/2024/PAC/14

MAHARASHTRA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD.
(A joint venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Maharashtra,
PUNE METRO RAIL PROJECT
Civil Court Metro Station, Nyaynagar Nande Path, Shivajinagar,
Pune-411005. Tel: 020-2605074
E-mail: tenders.pmrp@mahametro.org www.mahametro.org

Tender Notice NonP1-O&M-04R/2024 Date: 08/03/2024

Name of Work: Outsourcing of Maintenance Services of OHE & Power Supply for One Year for 85 TKM OHE, 2 Depots, 33 Stations ASS & 3 RSS of Pune Metro Rail Project.

Tender Documents can be downloaded from 10.00 Hrs. on 08/03/2024 to 15.00 Hrs. on 21/03/2024 from e-tender Portal of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

To view this tender notice, interested bidder may visit the website www.punemetrorail.org of Maha-Metro or CPPP portal <https://eprocure.gov.in>.

Executive Director/Procurement & Contracts
Pune Metro Rail Project,
Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., Pune

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

REQUIREMENT OF LAND
Sealed offers are invited on a two bid system i.e. A) Technical Bid (B) Financial Bid from absolute and exclusive owners or co-owners having no objection from other co-owners or parties having an interest in the land if they have already entered into a registered agreement for sale with owners in possession on or before the last date of submission of bid, for transfer of plot by the way of OUTRIGHT SALE (Plot area: 500 sq. m) to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) to set up its Motor Operated Valve station near nvar Yaruna in village Soidsa, Tehsil-Palwal District-Haryana. Interested parties may collect EOIs from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for detailed information & bid conditions, either from our office or through email Vishaal Palwal (Project Leader).

Mob: 9871713081. Email: vishaalpalwal@bharatpetroleum.in
Piya Jiwani Airport AT/PI Pipeline Project office: BPCL Piya POL terminal Village-Piya Post-Assoan Tehsil-Bahadurgarh, Dist Faridabad Haryana.

And submit their offers to us mentioned above by 15.03.2024, 15.00 hrs

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Energising Lives; Energising Neys Bharat

Kalyan Singh Super Speciality Cancer Institute
C.G. City, Sultanpur Road, Lucknow-226002
(An Autonomous Institute of the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh)
Website: <http://cancerinstitute.edu.in> Email: jdmn.ssc@gmail.com

GEM Bid Notice
It is hereby informed that a bids No. is as follow:-

Sr No	Name of Services	Bid No. & Date	Pre-bid Meeting Date & Time
1	Custom Bid- Renovation	GEM/2024/B/4741683 Dated 06-03-2024	Date 11.03.2024 Time 02:00 pm
2	Bio Medical Waste and Management Service - Common Bio Medical Waste Management Service	GEM/2024/B/4741406 Dated 06-03-2024	Not Applicable

The Bid uploaded on GEM Portal for Procurement of Services Bids at KSSCI All interested service providers/bidders are required to submit their bids on GEM Portal in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GEM bid documents. The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Note. 1. The meeting will be conducted through video link for which please email a request at least 1 day prior to the indicated date and time to office.ssc@gmail.com and you will receive a confirmation and link to join.

The Tender documents are available on the website of the Institute [www.cancerinstitute.edu.in](http://cancerinstitute.edu.in)

Adv. No: KSSCI/PRO-47/2023-24

DIRECTOR

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo). Namely, Sarita D/o Arav Singh R/o Village Gokulpur, Mangrolia, Etah, Uttar Pradesh has been missing since 29/02/2024 from House No 992, NR Rice Mill, Village Rithala, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 85A dated 02.03.2024 has been lodged at Police Station Vijay Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under -

Sarita
Age: 21 Years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Wheatish, Face Round, Built : Medium, Identification: Mentally weak Wearing Pink colour suit, chocolate colour plazzo and black colour hawaai chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Vijay Vihar, Delhi at E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in or Website <http://cbi.nic.in>

SHO
Phone: 011-24368838, 24368841
Fax No. 011-24368839
DP/2665/RD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Shiva S/o Gopal R/o H No. C-67/2, Sawaran Jyoti Vihar, Tikri Khurd, Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 25/2024 U/S 356/379/34 IPC, P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Shiva cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Shiva has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Shiva of case FIR No. 25/2024 U/S 356/379/34 IPC, P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before 20.04.2024

By Order
Ms. Jyoti Nain
Metropolitan Magistrate-07 (North)
Room No. 06
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/2494/ON/2024(Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified female Age: Approx 75 Years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'2", Face: Long, Built: Thin, was wearing Green colour Sweater, White & Blue colour Saree and Slipper in feet, was found in unconscious condition in front of ISBT, Anand Vihar, Delhi and She was admitted in Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, Kuchipuri, Delhi vide MLC No. 1451/24 on 05.03.2024 During the treatment she was declared dead by the doctor on 05.03.2024. In this regard a DD No. 81A, dated 05.03.2024, has been lodged at P.S. Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi. Her dead body has been preserved in LBS Hospital Mortuary, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO

P.S. Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi
Ph. No.: 8750870626, 9718424374
DP/2764/ED/2024

Bihar Agricultural University Sabour, Bhagalpur – 813210 (Bihar)

Notice

Tender No. 104

Date: 07.03.2024
Re-Tenders are invited from registered, experienced and reputed manufacturers/agencies/firms/companies/suppliers for the "Supply of Plant Phenotyping with two grayscale cameras for multispectral imaging (top and side) with associated hardware and software at Bihar Agricultural College, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour." Details are available on www.bausabour.ac.in

Sd/-
Oil, Central Store
BAU, Sabour, Bhagalpur

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notices No GSU/Elect./PRYJ/E-Tender Notice/2024/35

E-Tender Notice

By Chief Electrical Engineer/GSUN, C.R./Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following e-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 15.00 hrs. on 03.04.2024. The details of the tenders are as under -

TN: GSU-EL-WC-14-2024 Cost of work (In ₹): ₹13763308 37

Name of Work: "Electrical work in connection with "PHAPHUND" provision of goods shed at PHAPHUND station in Prayagraj Division

Bid Security (In ₹): ₹218000 00, Duration of Completion : 12 Months

Tender Opening Date: 03.04.2024, 15.00 Hrs. Note - 1. The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tender is available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 388/24(DG)

Project Director, (P) North Central Railway, Sector 12, Lucknow-226001, Uttar Pradesh-226001, India. E-mail: ncr.tenders@irctcindia.com Web site: www.ireps.gov.in

For more details visit www.ireps.gov.in or www.nctrailways.com or www.nctrailways.com

Notice

RFP reference no.:

The Department of School Education (DoSE), Government of Punjab, seeks proposals from interested candidates for the following roles in the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Punjab Outcomes Acceleration in School Education (POISE), a project being implemented in collaboration with the World Bank.

- > Financial Management Expert (1)
- > Procurement & Contract Expert (1)
- > Environment Safeguards Specialist (1)
- > Social Safeguard & Community Specialist (1)
- > IT Application Architect and DB Expert (1)
- > IT Software Acquisition and Implementation Expert (1)
- > Business Analyst (IT) (1)
- > Academic Specialists (2)

Interested candidates may access the Terms of Reference document from asapunjab.org and submit their applications by 29th March 2024 before 5:00 PM IST through the same. Information (if any) related to this will be published online at asapunjab.org.

Project Director, (POISE)

DR/PR/No. NA/12/27/4/2023/334/26

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Latest Period c Labour Force Survey shows improvement in women's employment and part c pat on in the workforce, but they lag behind men in both these metrics

Lower education levels compared with men and social norms are the major factors behind lower employment of women
Women spend far more time on unpaid activities than men

Reasons for women not being in workforce (%)
44.5
33.6
Want to continue study
Health/age related reason
Other reasons
Social reasons
Didn't have required training/qualification/age for work
Financially well-off
Non-availability of work at a convenient location



Tata Sons looking at debt rejig to avoid IPO next year

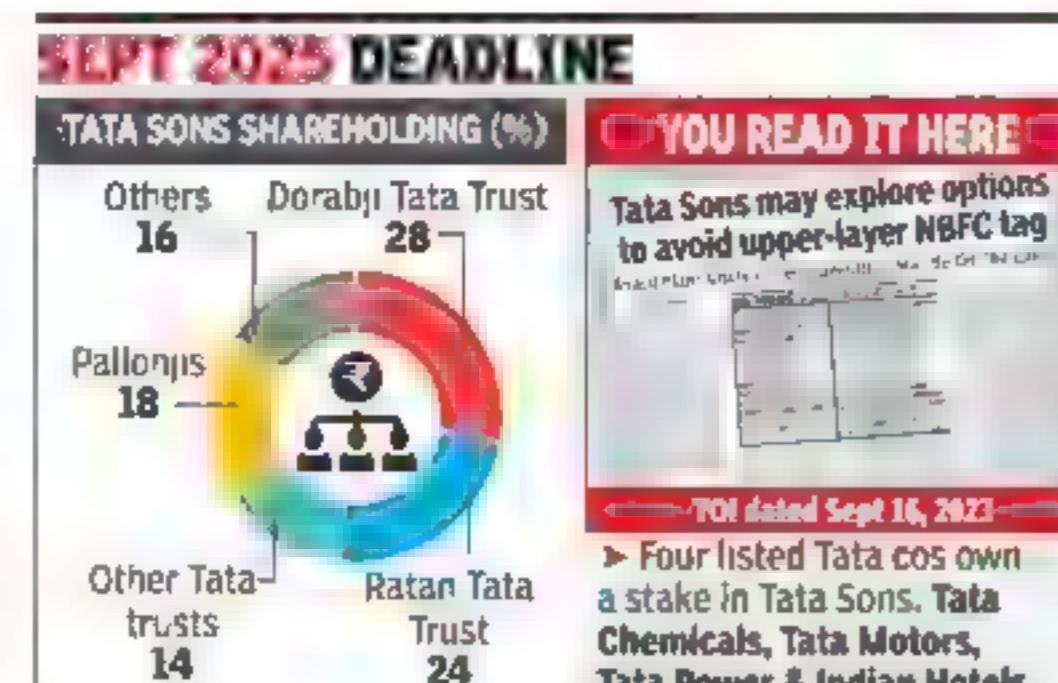
Recast May Allow It To Lose RBI Tag That Mandates Listing

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Mumbai: Tata Sons, the holding company of the \$150-billion Tata Group, which needs to list by Sept 2025, is exploring the option of restructuring its balance sheet to get an exemption from an RBI rule-mandated IPO.

RBI rules state that if a 'core investment company' doesn't own more than Rs 100 crore in assets and doesn't raise public funds (if it repays them or transfers them to a separate entity), then it "neatly sidesteps" RBI's grip, freeing itself from being considered as a CIC and 'upper layer' NBFC, and is not required to go for a public listing", said a person familiar with the development. Tata Sons declined to comment.

Tata Sons is registered as a CIC with RBI and the banking regulator has classified it as an upper-layer NBFC, requiring it to follow a stringent disciplinary structure with a mandatory listing within three years of be-



ing notified. RBI came out with the notification for Tata Sons in Sept 2022.

While there is still time for Tata Sons to comply with RBI rules, the N Chandrasekaran-led company is exploring options of transferring its debt to a separate entity so that it is excluded from the 'upper layer' list, the person quoted earlier said. According to Tata Sons' FY23 report, it has borrowings of Rs 20,000 crore.

According to a lawyer, a CIC is regulated by RBI only if two conditions are satisfied:

- Four listed Tata Group companies that own a stake in

Tata Sons saw a surge in their share prices in anticipation of the holding company's potential IPO. In Thursday's steady trading session, the stock price of Tata Chemicals rallied nearly 15% on the BSE and closed the session with a 16% jump at Rs 1,315. Tata Chemicals is expected to be the biggest beneficiary of Tata Sons' potential IPO.

"The only realistic way to get exposure to the potential value unlocking of Tata Sons' stake) is via Tata Chemicals where in the ownership of Tata Sons potentially amounts to 80% of the company's market capitalisation. The stake is worth 16-21% of the market capitalisation for the other three companies (Tata Motors, Tata Power and Indian Hotels)," said investment banking firm Spark in a report.

The report added that "should the street assign a Rs 10-11 lakh crore valuation to Tata Sons, the intrinsic valuation of Tata Chemicals is 5-7x FY25 PE, which could potentially re-rate should the investment be liquidated at or after IPO."

From Loans To Games: Slow Shift Underway In Man's World

Women's share in home loans grows

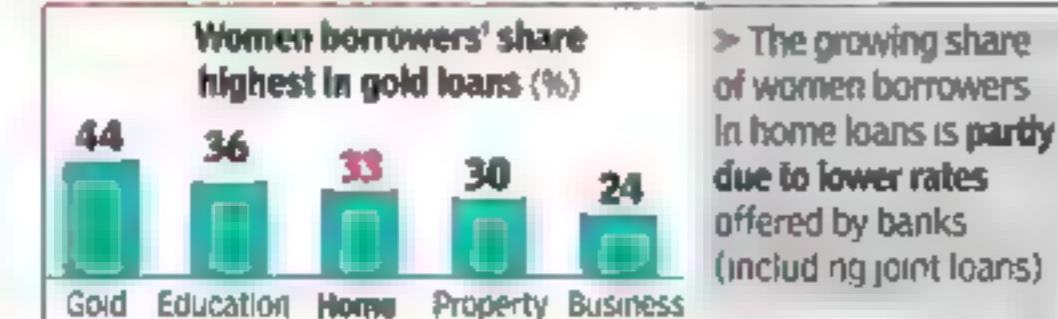
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Mumbai: The share of women home loan borrowers has increased marginally to 33% in 2023 from 32% in the previous year. Women's representation in personal, gold and education loans too has inched up, data from credit bureau CRIF High Mark showed.

The growing share of women borrowers in home loans is at least partly due to lower rates offered by banks (including joint loans). Besides promoting inclusion, this means that properties are jointly registered, providing added security to lenders.

Women account for 16% of personal loans, compared to 15% in the previous year and 43% of gold loans—a rise from 41% in the ye-

BUILDING BLOCKS OF INCLUSION



ar ago period. In education loans, 36% of all active accounts are of women, up from 35% a year ago. Despite the increasing representation of women among borrowers in significant sectors, their proportion in the number of active retail loans has increased to 33% a year ago.

Incidentally, after gold loans, the share of women borrowers is highest in small business loans, where women constitute 43% of the borrowers. The portfolio outstanding for women borrowers in two-wheeler and personal loans increased 26% year-on-year. Personal loans saw a 32% annual increase in active loans, while property lo-

ans grew by 39%.

Retail loan portfolio reached Rs 117.4 lakh crore in Dec, up from Rs 100.3 lakh crore in the year before—a 17% year-on-year growth. Women borrowers' share in retail loans remained stable at around 26%. Active women borrowers rose to 7.8 crore in Dec, up from 6.7 crore a year ago, with a 17.8% year-on-year growth. Male borrowers with active loans increased to 20.2 crore from 17.8 crore in Dec 2022, with a 13.1% year-on-year growth.

In terms of volume of loans, the business loan segment accounts for 6% of the total \$9.6 crore retail loans. The largest retail segment in volume of accounts is personal loans (18% of retail loans), where the share of women borrowers has increased to 16% from 15%. In value terms, share of women in overall retail loans of Rs 117.3 lakh crore has remained unchanged at 26%.

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Gangwal to offload 3.3% IndiGo stake for \$450mn

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Rakesh Gangwal, the outgoing promoter of leading domestic airlines InterGlobe Aviation that operates under IndiGo brand, is selling 3.3% stake in the company through block deals on Monday that could fetch him about Rs 3,730 crore (about \$450 million).

Gangwal plans to sell a little less than 1.3 crore shares of IndiGo at a floor price of Rs 2,925 per share—nearly a 6% discount to its Thursday closing price of Rs 3,102, term sheet for the deal showed. Morgan Stanley India, Goldman Sachs (India) Securities and JP Morgan India are managing the deal.

Gangwal invests \$20mn in unicorn Zetwerk

Rakesh Gangwal, the co-founder of IndiGo Airlines, has invested \$20 million in unicorn startup Zetwerk. The funding has been routed through Wheellhouse Venture Capital, a US-based private investment firm run by his daughter Parul Gangwal.

"The fresh investment has been done at more or less the previous valuation," said a source aware of the development.

Bengaluru-based Zetwerk, which runs a contract manufacturing marketplace, is valued at \$2.8 billion.

The company provides precision manufacturing solutions and manufacturing services to a range of industries, and plans to use the funds to build on its growth

SingTel sells 0.8% in Bharti Airtel to GQG for \$711mn

Sebi bars JM Fin from managing bond offers

Order Comes Days After RBI Put Curbs On Unit | Co Says It'll Cooperate With Probe

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi on Thursday barred JM Financial from taking on any new mandate to act as a lead manager to public issue of debt securities over its NBFC arm JM Financial Products's irregularities. JM Financial can, however, continue to manage issues that it has signed to execute, for the next 60 days, a Sebi order said.

On Thursday, Sebi in its order said that its routine investigations of some of the recent public issues of non-convertible debentures showed that in one offer, in which JM Financial was one of the lead managers, JM Financial Products had guaranteed returns to investors. Such guarantees are a violation of Sebi rules and hence the ban on JM Financial, the order said. Late in the evening, JM Financial told the bourses about Sebi's order and said that it will "fully cooperate with Sebi in this investigation".

The Sebi order against JM Financial came just two days after banking regulator RBI banned JM Financial Products from giving loans against shares, including financing of IPOs.

According to Sebi, in one of the public offerings that was open in October 2023, it was observed that JM Financial Products (JMPL) acted as counterparty to the trades of individual investors and had also provided the funds deployed by these investors for subscribing to the issue JMPL, subsequently, on the very same day, offloaded at a loss, a significant portion of the securities that it had acquired from these investors to corporate investors.

Sebi investigation also revealed that these investors

had submitted their applications in the public issue for NCDs through the stock broker JM Financial Services, another group subsidiary of the JM Finance.

Since investigations showed that "JMPL had provided an 'exit' to all the applicants who had availed funding from it", the regulator further investigated the in-

Guaranteed Returns Violation Of Sebi Rules'

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vestors who had availed loans from the NBFC Sebi found that there were 10 instances where investors with declared yearly income of less than Rs 5 lakh, were given loans of Rs 8 lakh each. Sebi also found that 47 other investors with declared yearly income of less than Rs 5 lakh, were given loans of Rs 9.8 lakh each.

There were several other discrepancies in the loan process, application forms, margining system, etc, in debt offers that JM Financial had managed, Sebi said.

RBI asks banks to check end use of card payments

Lack of Transparency In Fintech Era A Worry

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

TIGHTENING NORMS

Mumbai: RBI has asked credit card issuers to set up a system that can ascertain the end use of funds to keep a check on fintechs that attempt to stretch regulatory boundaries. Banks typically pay merchants directly, while aggregators widen the scope by collecting money through cards and making payments to entities that otherwise couldn't have accepted card transactions.

This lack of visibility on the end use of card payments is why RBI barred fintechs from

partners unless it is absolutely essential for the partner to discharge its functions. "In case of sharing any data as stated above, explicit consent from the cardholder shall be obtained. It shall also be ensured that the storage and the ownership of card data remain with the card issuer," the revised norms said.

There are also some relaxations. Banks and registered NBFCs can become co-branding partners without prior permission from the RBI. The revised provision reduces the period for reporting form factors, aligning with directives from RBI.

Gold hits record high for 3rd day

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Hyderabad: Out dazzling itself with every passing day, gold scored a hat-trick of sorts on Thursday. The yellow metal's price in the international market vaulted to yet another record high for the third straight day at \$2,160 per ounce, propelled mainly by US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell's dovish stance on interest rates. Historically, interest rates in the US and gold prices have had an inverse relationship.

"Gold continued its upward march after US Fed chief Jerome Powell reiterated that the US central bank will most likely lower interest rates later this year. Weak US economic data and banking jitters all together pushed the US dollar and bond yields to a multi-week low, helping gold prices rally more than 3% so far this week," said Samuil Gandhi, senior analyst-commodity at HDFC Securities.

The northward march

for the yellow metal is not expected to halt soon, feels Gandhi. He said that from a technical standpoint, the bullish trend is likely to continue as gold prices broke the previous resistance and are now in new territory. "Comex gold now has immediate resistance at \$2,180, \$2,200 level and support at \$2,119-\$2,094 level," he said. "The MoU on establishing a framework for cooperation aims to promote the use of INR and IDR bilaterally," RBI said. AGENCIES

Re at 6-mth high, pips other Asian currencies this year

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Cheaper Crude Helps How Asian currencies have fared in 2024 (%)

Currency	Change (%)
Rupee	0.5
Philippine peso	-0.8
Yuan	-1.1
Singapore dollar	-1.1
Indonesian rupiah	-1.6
Ringgit	-2.4
Thailand baht	-4
Malaysian ringgit	-4.5

We gained against the dollar, registering a 0.6% increase. In contrast, the Thai baht, So-

Authority detects ₹1,000cr GST fraud

New Delhi: Meerut CGST Commissionerate on Thursday busted a syndicate that fraudulently claimed Input Tax Credit (ITC) of over Rs 1,000 crore through a network of 232 fake firms and arrested three persons. The anti-evasion branch of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) of Meerut Commissionerate started an investigation in October 2023 into a syndicate that fraudulently claimed ITC by way of fake billing, a statement said.

The investigation conducted so far has revealed that 232 fake firms, with 91 companies registered on a single mobile number, are registered at various places across the country and have passed inadmis-

sible ITC of around Rs 1,048 crore, it said. The total value of goods shown to be supplied through these firms is around Rs 5,842 crore, it said.

During the course of the investigation, it came to light that INPUT-TAX

INPUT-TAX

"Full Fledged Money Changer Companies (FFMCs) were used for parking/routing of funds generated through fraudulent ITC," it said. Further investigation revealed bulk purchases of around Rs 1,120 crore from two of such FFMCs from other FFMCs, it said. However, no record of further disposal/receipt of said foreign currency has been recovered during searches. AGENCIES

RBI signs pact with Bank Indonesia

Mumbai: RBI and Bank Indonesia (BID) on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote use of local currencies for bilateral transactions.

The MoU was signed here for establishing a framework to promote the use of local currencies—the Indian rupee and the Indonesian rupiah—for cross border transactions. This framework would enable exporters and importers to invoice and pay in their respective domestic currencies, which in turn would enable the development of an INR-IDR foreign exchange market.

"Use of local currencies would optimise costs and settlement time for transactions," RBI said. The MoU was signed by RBI governor Shaktikanta Das and Bank Indonesia governor Perry Warjiyo.

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CONTRAPUNTO

I don't want a Women's Day where corporations and govt feel good about doing something cos they roll out pink cupcakes and speak up for their Little Women

-Melissa Browne, financial educator

The WoMoney Question

Earning women are a necessary but not sufficient condition for rattling the male order

Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' is the theme for this Women's Day, a recognition that women must have economic power if they're to be equal and independent. But it isn't so simple. Throughout most of human history, women were not independent agents. They had no assets or income of their own, and merely passed from their parental homes to their marital homes. They depended on marriage to survive. Men's work outside the home was undergirded by private toils of women. This shoddy transaction was justified by ideals of love and feminine duty, where women seemed to give a lot more than they got.

This system of separate and unequal spheres has crumbled in the last century. Women have organised and fought to be recognised as full humans, with the same range of choices men have. Obviously, money is important. No one can operate freely when materially dependent on someone else. Women need education, income, and resources to be their own persons.

But we shouldn't kid ourselves – that's not enough. Even when women make money, they are caught in a web of social and internalised expectations. Non-compliance is punished. Economic independence has not led to parity; it has even sharpened social and intimate backlash against women. In America, women either own or part-own nearly half of its firms, but this has not toppled the system of male power and status. In India too, a woman's earnings do not necessarily buy her freedom. It's assumed her money is for the household rather than for herself. Often, her financial success can be seen as a threat to her husband's masculinity, or rather, his dominion over her.

Recently, Bombay HC observed that if a married woman didn't want to do housework, she should have said so before getting married. That's just what society thinks. Even now, women put greater effort into caring for their homes and families, prioritising their family over their earning power. When a relationship breaks up, the man can walk out easily, having only been materially strengthened by the marriage, while the woman who had made financial and emotional sacrifices is left even more vulnerable. For all women's material advances, gender inequality endures. It disfigures romantic relationships, families and workplaces. It straitjackets men too, even though it is set up to serve men's interests. It is a system of domination that can only be collectively overturned.

Who's A Running Dog?

How a state disses those it deems 'offenders', says a lot about the state, even if it doesn't realise this

Even chess great Garry Kasparov's Sicilian defence wouldn't be a match for this move from Moscow. Kasparov now finds himself on a Russian list of 'terrorists and extremists'. But then again, Moscow these days isn't mucking about. Mother Russia must be saved from all 'subversives' – whether they play chess or marbles. 'Strong nations', after all, signal 'strength' in part by dissing offenders, real or fervidly imagined.

Colourful commies | Ex-USSR was a master at this game. People could be convicted without actual crime for being 'bourgeois'. Worse was being a 'counter-revolutionary'. But Mao's China took it up a notch. You could be a 'capitalist roader', even when you were a card-carrying commie. Or, and this surely takes the cake, the state could charge you with being 'running dog of imperialism'. If these didn't fit, there was always 'class enemy' or 'rightist' to put you in the doghouse. China still loses its red cap over an 88-year-old 'splittist'.

Too much insult bro | The former Ottoman empire isn't far behind. 'Insult to the President of Turkey' or 'trying to overthrow the constitutional order' may be vague charges, but can get you serious time in the cooler. What about Thailand's *lese majeste* law prohibiting insult or defamation to not just the monarch and the queen, but also heir-apparent, heir-presumptive or regent? Is that Bangkok's interpretation of 'the majesty of the law'?

Public enemy to Rowdies | West too had its 'public enemy', handed down from Roman times, through the French Revolution, to 1930s America. But as with all things American, pop culture would later appropriate the tag and jiggy with it – Public Enemy is a hit hip hop group. Sadly, the Indian state, although all powerful, seems less imaginative when it comes to inventing colourful words for those who offend the state. Our blushes are spared by 'rowdies' and 'history-sheets' – two so very Indian-English words.

The Gandhi way

Even a Hindu Rashtra can be for everyone living in Hindustan. Look at Mahatma's concept of trusteeship

Jug Suralya

With more than a touch of benevolent patriarchy befitting the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi anointed the rich as the 'trustees' of the nation as a whole, endowing capitalism with the saving grace of compassion, and making economic Darwinism stand on its head in an asana of moral yoga in which the powerful protect the powerless.

Can such an altruistic Gandhian precept be extended as an assurance of minority rights being preserved and protected in India? Some powerful forces want India to be a Hindu Rashtra, in much the same way as in UK, where the monarch is also the head of the Church of England. Many constituents of EU are avowedly Christian nations. EU's charter implies its Christian orientation, which is perhaps one of the reasons why Turkey hasn't got membership of the b.o.c.

The enormous goodwill Lotus party has earned, following the building of Ram Mandir, has prompted it to proclaim its electoral rallying call of bagging over 370 Lok Sabha seats. For some commentators, this tally would be one more step towards getting country-wide legislative left for amending the Constitution, by removing from it the words 'secular' and 'socialist', which were inserted in 1976 by Indira Gandhi.

Should that happen, will it further invigorate majoritarian assertiveness as manifested by self-appointed gau rakshaks and 'love jihad' vigilants? Or, having had its upper hand ratified by constitutional mandate, might saffron supremacy be tempered by tolerance, born from the magnanimity that ought to go hand in hand with victory?

If the Holy Grail of a Hindu Rashtra is secured, will the Ram Raya embrace not just a single community but the larger community that is all of Hindustan?

That would be a trusteeship of which Bapu would unconditionally approve. But perhaps even more importantly, it would win the wholehearted endorsement of Maryada Purushottam, the Idea Man, himself.

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Illustration: S. Venkateswaran

Boys Can't Keep Being Boys

Deep gender prejudices begin to be taught in childhood itself. Unlearning this toxic inequality is what women need from both society & institutions

Mihira Sood



Last week a young Spanish couple, who had ridden their motorbikes safely through 63 countries, was brutally assaulted while in India, and the woman gangraped.

This incident attracted widespread attention, with several social media users sharing their experiences of sexual violence in India. The Chairperson of National Commission for Women responded by accusing such users of defaming the country, displaying a remarkable degree of disconnect from the post she occupies. While India is certainly not the only country where sexual crimes occur, when someone bikes through 63 countries without incident, only to be raped when they reach India, it does occasion reflection.

It's tempting to view this solely as a law and order problem. But that implies these crimes are anomalies, committed by outliers, and do not reflect our social mores. In fact, sexual crime is only the outward symptom of a deeper malaise that exists within us: As a society, we still cannot bring ourselves to treat men and women equally.

Theorists have posited that patriarchy originated with the beginnings of agricultural settler society, and the related rise in material wealth and private ownership of property. The desire to ensure transmission of wealth down generations created a need to control women's reproduction. For without that, there was no way to determine a child's parentage.

Thus began the strict policing of women's bodies, and the premium on women's chastity, creating a situation where the family's shame and honour rest on women, and their bodies become battlefields for men. This manifests in practices we see even today, such as desperation to marry off daughters at a young age, demand for dowry as an exploitation of that fear, son preference and female infanticide, honour killings, restrictions on basic personal freedoms.

Many readers may balk at this characterisation. Surely this describes other people, not us. But look closely, even at our seemingly egalitarian lives. The moment a child is



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born is marked with the announcement of its gender, colour-coded as pink or blue. An explosion of glittery unicorns vs trucks and guns is just the thin end of the wedge. It morphs into school subjects and activities that are equally coded for gender. Then come career options and household dynamics that are apparently determined by choice, but unfailingly replicate age-old patterns children have been tutored for their whole lives.

And through it all, we tell ourselves these preferences are innate. More disturbingly, we believe, and impart to our kids, that being calm, obedient, and diligent is just how girls are, while boys... will be boys.

Girls are taught that their most valuable currency is how they look, that their ultimate goal is marriage, that any career they develop along the way should be secondary to their husbands' She works at his pleasure, she can't out-earn him, and she can never let her career

affect the standard of housekeeping and childcare that remain her sole responsibility.

Indian men are in the bottom five among countries where men contribute to housework. India also ranks among the bottom in women's health and economic participation. Women spend less on healthcare, fare worse in health and nutritional surveys, and number less than men.

While most surveys show a strong generic support for women's equality, when asked specific questions about equal pay, working mothers, right to choose one's own life partner, responses falter.

We fail to recognise that inequality is not just a question of different roles performed by different genders. It is also the driver of violence against women. Differential treatment that seems benign in one family, becomes menacing when multiplied by a billion. When women have fewer resources, less power, are less assertive, less visible in public life, it is not difficult to see how men can assault them with such impunity.

Our institutions then, can only reflect our society. Until we change, there is no political incentive for better governance on the gender front. Politics goes where electoral dividends can be reaped, and as long as our commitment to women's empowerment remains hollow, so will our polity's.

Look at the recent Uniform Civil Code passed by Uttarakhand. In the guise of women's rights, adult women cannot enter a live-in relationship without parental consent. According to a recent govt notification, married women require their husband's permission to use their maiden name.

Women are routinely being denied abortions, marital rape is still not a crime, and the petition to have it declared so is being vigorously contested by GOI in court. At least 21 MPs have cases of crimes against women pending against them. And if the 2019 election was anything to go by, we can expect more misogynistic rhetoric as the campaign intensifies.

Bottom line is that we are a country with deep gender prejudices and a truly poisonous masculinity culture our boys grow up in. We are all victims of it. We are also all culpable for it. Coming out of it will require deep and painful excavation of parts of us, which we would rather not confront. It will take uncomfortable conversations, a lot of listening, a lot of unlearning. That should be our commitment this Women's Day.

The writer is a lawyer and scholar in the field of women's rights

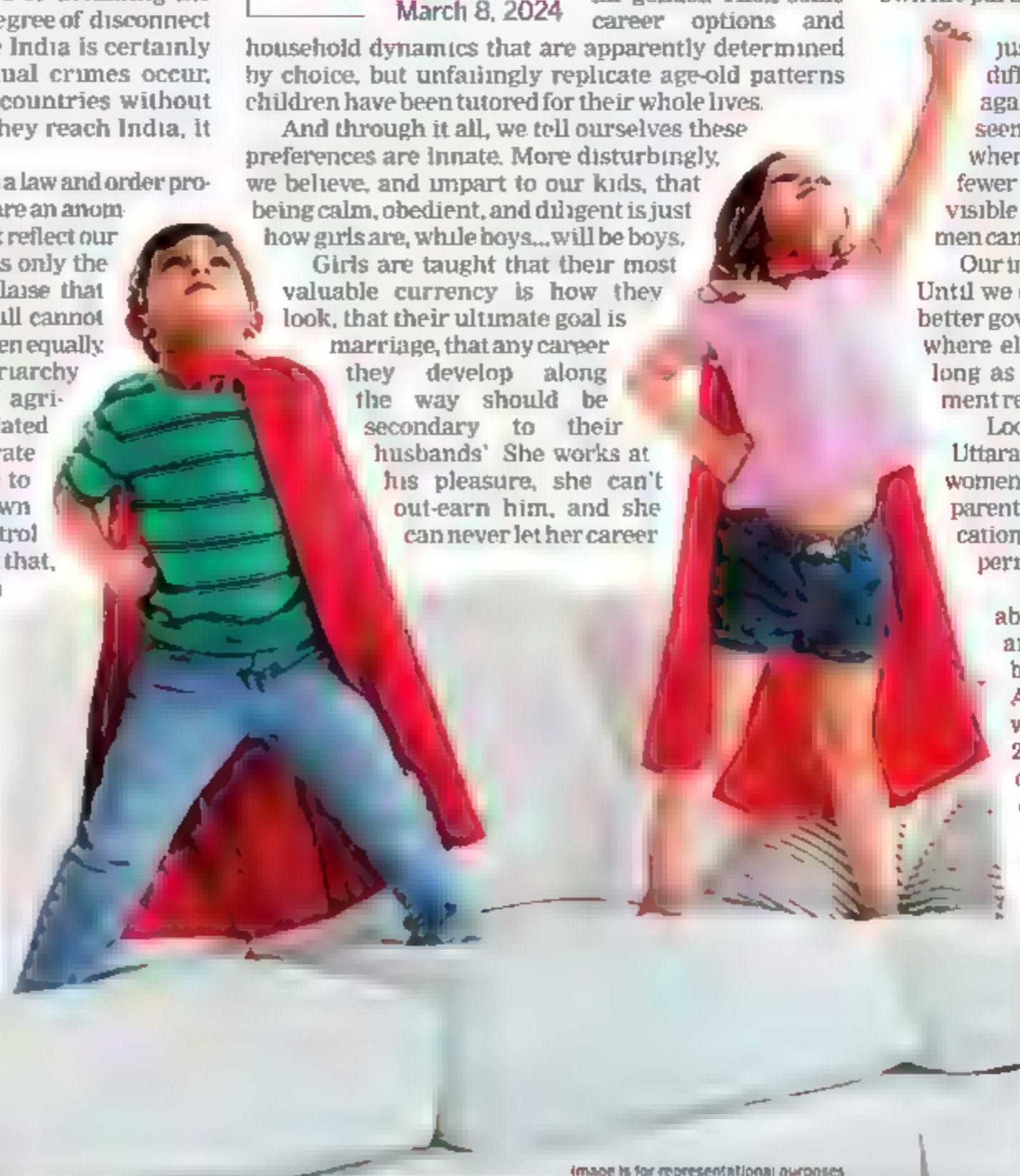


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Sarkar Will Be Poor Company For Great Art

Housing National Museum's treasures in North-South Blocks is not a good idea. Both atmosphere and public access would be suboptimal. Let's think of an out-of-the-box idea for a new location

Gautam Bhatia



In the 1950s much of our modern architecture was so half-baked and thoughtless, it relied purely on gigantic size and a mishmash of classical ornaments to get its garbled message across. Even today, structures like National Museum – along with Delhi's Sapru House and Reserve Bank – fail to elicit enthusiastic aesthetic support from artists, architects, and conservationists.

Now slated for demolition to make space for Central Vista's new administrative buildings, National Museum then may not be such a loss, its real value however lies in the enormous wealth of historic art treasures it houses. GOI proposes to shift these into storage. Then once bureaucrats move to their new offices – into the refurbished interiors of North and South Blocks

• But are North and South Blocks suited to housing, displaying and storing one of the world's most varied historical collections?

It includes stone reliefs from Mohenjo Daro and Harappa, Gandhara art, Chinese silk hangings, delicate frescos and leaf paintings, not to mention scores of anthropological and archaeological artifacts, craft pieces and jewellery. All these require specialised displays, temperature and humidity control, designated storage and security measures. Then there is the problem of providing public access in the city's most heavily guarded political arena. To allow the public to move freely in and around buildings of high security will doubtless be difficult, if not impossible.

• What then can be a more suitable alternative?

Rashtrapati Bhavan is the second largest residence of a head of state anywhere in the world. But the president's frugal occupation of the city's most expansive monument leaves the colonial construction grossly underutilised. A change in its function is not only justified by its significant size and location, but is also a

matter of economic expediency.

Lord Irwin, the first viceroy to reside there, had noted wryly that Rashtrapati Bhavan (then Viceroy House) reminded him of living in an ancient ruin from Crete. As a residence, it is so outrageously oversized that most former presidents in fact choose to stay in the smaller guest wing, using the main building primarily for state receptions, and for housing international guests. With so little of it being used domestically, perhaps then the president's house could move to a smaller location like PM's new residence off Central Vista.

• Wouldn't the 340-room building on a 320-acre estate, with its extensive gardens, oothouses, stables, staff quarters and offices, be better used as a museum for some of the world's most valuable antiquities?

Just consider the possibilities of converting it into the new National Museum four floors of 200,000 square feet, monumental halls like Durbar Hall and State Ballroom, not to mention vast extensions of loggias, vestibules, open courts and verandahs. Consider, too,

the labyrinthine basements, so densely filled with inner courts, corridors, and an endless warren of rooms, once used as paint and carpentry workshops, bakeries, china and linen stores, wine cellars, ice making, screening firms for servants etc.

A maze of spaces so dispersed, it is easily possible to get lost there. Would that not provide just the right

atmosphere for multiple valuable displays of an important museum?

• If that were to happen, where would it leave North and South Blocks? Do the structures have the potential to house similarly related functions like National Archives and National Library (currently in Kolkatta)?

If so, these two institutions – along with National Museum – could become an altogether new public zone for archaeology, literature and art. An assembly of three culturally linked facilities, open to the public, to scholars and academics, to artists and historians. A precinct entirely independent of the political theatre nearby. A president happier in a small manageable bungalow down the road.

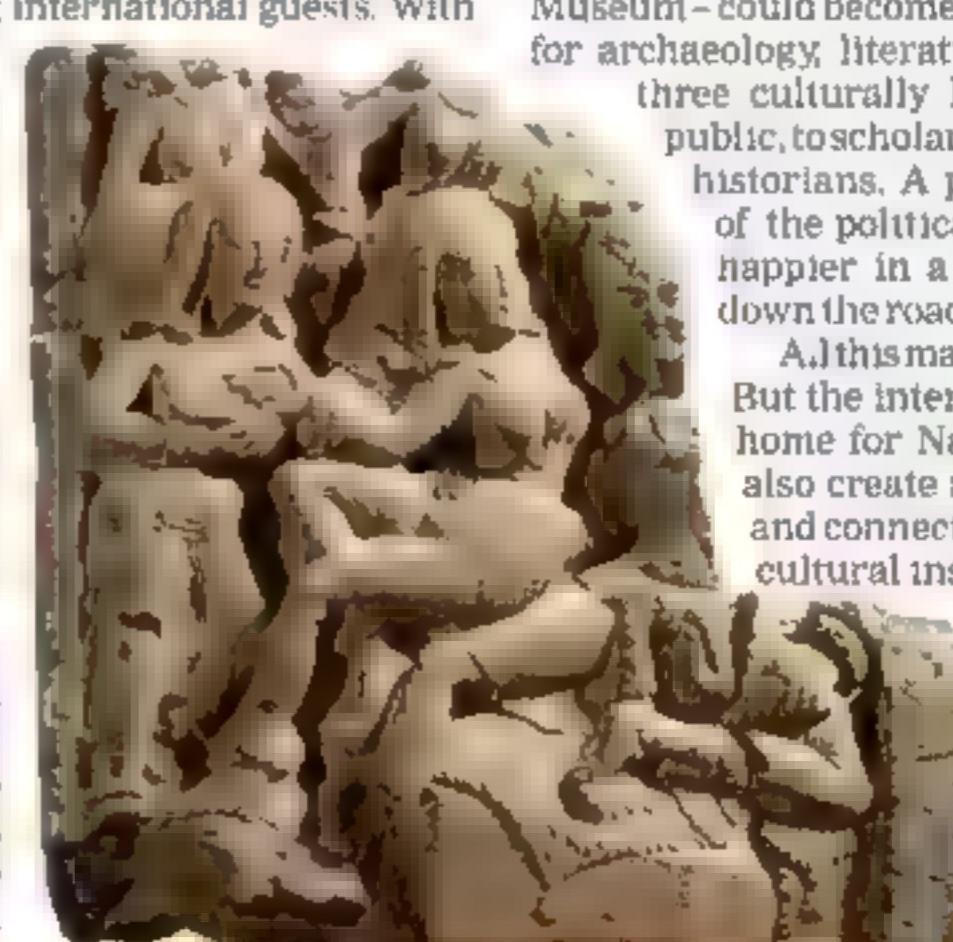
• All this may sound too naive or outrageous. But the intention is merely to find a better home for National Museum. In doing so, also create a larger, more comprehensive and connected set of structures, similar to cultural institutions on Washington Mall and along Seine in Paris.

Such an attempt to do something for India's artistic heritage at the monumental scale of Central Vista – without in any way infringing on the current plan – would encourage a more active and imaginative cultural life. Plus emphatically

state to the public what value govt places on the well-being of India's art and archaeology.

How this is achieved architecturally will need to be actively debated. The important thing is for the demolition of National Museum to actually create a great legacy for the public.

The writer is an architect



HERITAGE: 1st century BCE sculpture

Calvin & Hobbes



Pranav Khullar

When asked by a disciple "Kenesitam patati presitam manah" – by whom and whose will is the mind directed towards objects – in the opening lines of the Kena Upanishad, the teacher narrates a parable of three gods and the goddess. Placing it in the context of war, the story narrates how the righteous forces, devas, have prevailed over the violators, the asuras.

Now having won, devas are congratulating themselves and gloating over their victory and the special powers that enabled it. The story goes, therein appears a brilliant Yaksha form. Gods are taken aback at this luminous form and feel challenged by the radiance of this Being. They ask Agni to come forward and find out who this Being is. Agni introduces himself as a god with

the special power to burn and turn to ashes everything in the Universe. The Yaksha places a blade of grass in front of Agni and tells him to burn it, or else shed this vanity of strength. With all his skills, Agni is unable to burn the blade of grass and withdraws, his spirits deflated.

Gods then call upon Vayu to challenge and get to know this enigmatic Yaksha figure. Vayu too is called upon by the Yaksha to show his special powers. But with all his powers to blow away everything in his path, Vayu is unable to move the blade of grass, and retreats in despondency, his ego shattered.

Finally, Indra, the king of the gods, is exhorted to find out who this Being is. But even as he approaches the Yaksha, the Being disappears before his eyes.

Indra is bewildered at not even being asked by the Yaksha to show his powers. In his Bhasya on the Kena Upanishad, Adi Shankara alludes to the cause behind the sudden disappearance of the Yaksha figure, stating that Indra was the most vain of the gods, and the greater this vanity and self-absorption, the farther the divine grace drifts away from that person.

But as Indra stands rooted, perplexed at the turn of events, his jnana, his desire to know this Being intensifies. This seeking of the truth puts him in a reflective state of mind and gets the better of his self absorption. And as his vanity gets subsumed in his seeking, Uma, the great Goddess, appears in front of him in a splendid form, shobhavati uma haumavati – the omniscient consciousness of creation. And tells Indra that the Being that had vanished was indeed Brahman. In revealing the existence of Brahman to him and devas, she guides them to the realisation that it is Brahman alone which drove gods to victory over the Asuras and they are but instruments.

The power of Brahman, the Kenopanishad states, is to be intuited in every state of mind, Pratibodha-viditamata, as it is witness to all states of consciousness, and thereby Tadvanam, that which is most adorable. The teacher closes with two similes of the way Brahman is realisable, like, as in a flash of lightning, or like in the flapping of an umbrella. And Uma as the creative Prakrti impulse, guides us to understand the spiritual essence

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@timesgroup.com**Dharamshala:** The unraveling of the 'Bazball' ethos continues on Indian soil.

On Thursday, England were undone as much by the wristy genius of Kuldeep Yadav as their own frazzled minds. The restrictive fields set by Rohit Sharma added to England's dilemma.

What else explains the highly-strung Ollie Pope's maddening dance down the track to a flat, wide googly near the stroke of lunch? Or Johnny Bairstow's maverick cameo when there was an innings to be rebuilt? Or the edgy Ben Duckett's needless go at Kuldeep in his first over? That too after the openers had, by the skin of their teeth, survived a torrid and fascinating morning session of pace bowling from the luckless Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj.

The duo generated appreciable seam movement and a prodigious 2.4 degrees of swing, the most in this series, to set the stage for the spinners, who took all the wickets to fall.

In going from 100/1 to 175/5 to 218 all out, including a period in which they lost five wickets for eight runs in the



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space of 37 deliveries in the middle session, England made the Day One pitch look like a minefield. Now, opportunity squandered, they have been

served another lesson in building a Test-match innings in these conditions.

The pitch did a bit more than expected but the extrav-

BIG MOMENT: Kuldeep Yadav celebrates his five-wicket haul after dismissing Ben Stokes

gant approach of most England batters didn't help. Any team would have struggled on the day against Kuldeep (5/72 from 15 overs), but the profligate approach added to the problem. It was as if every England batter believed that a ball with his name would be up next and played accordingly.

Only Zak Crawley, who

hung in after being tied down early on to score 79 off 108 balls, looked like going on for a big one. Root, bolstered by a patient century in the previous Test in Ranchi, too appeared to be bucking the trend until he was set up by the wily Ravindra Jadeja with one that spun away and took the outside edge, planting the seed of doubt. The next one, a slider, caught Root plumb in front.

Ben Stokes's severe dry run with the bat, meanwhile, continued to mirror his team's middle-order frailties. The England captain has shown a tendency to sit deep in his crease, and another Kuldeep googly did the rest. In yet another unfathomable move, Bairstow, Root and Stokes all wasted England's reviews.

Ashwin dismantled the tail, picking up a nice four-wicket haul in his landmark 100th Test to follow up on England's nightmare afternoon session.

Kuldeep, though, was the story of the day. He showed just why he is rated as the most improved spinner in world cricket, putting extra revs on the ball, getting some bite and zip off the wicket, tossing it up, varying his pace, generating impressive turn and tying the England batters up in knots.

Unless the England batters can pull themselves up by the bootstraps in the second innings, 'Bazball' appears in risk of being labelled a rather eccentric approach—a non-starter, even—in these conditions.

Virat Kohli tops with 5864 runs at 54.80 in 68 Tests.

JAI SWAL IN EXALTED COMPANY: SOUTHPAWS WITH 700-PLUS RUNS IN A SERIES VS ENG

Batter	Run	Series	T	I	Runs	Ave	100	50
M Taylor	Aus	1989	6	11	839	83.90	2	5
B Lara	WI	1993-94	5	8	798	99.75	2	2
B Lara	WI	1995	6	10	765	85.00	3	3
G Sobers	WI	1966	5	8	722	103.14	3	2
G Smith	SA	2003	5	9	714	79.33	2	1
Y Jaiswal	Ind	2023-24	5	9	712	89.00	2	3
G Sobers	WI	1959-60	5	8	709	101.28	3	1

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

It looked a different surface when Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal calmly went about their business after the England innings had been dismantled in 57.4 overs. Denied the movement available to India's seamers early on, England were unable to build pressure, allowing the openers to hit through the line.

Both scored brisk yet composed half-centuries as India ended the day comfortably ahead at 135/1, going at 4.5 per over to show just how good the pitch was for batting. Jaiswal (57 off 58; 5/34, 3x6) continued to break new ground, becoming the second-fastest Indian to 1000 Test runs and the second ever after Sunil Gavaskar to score over 700 runs in a series of five or more Tests.

Jaiswal's youthful impetuosity eventually cost him his wicket, and it is now up to Rohit (batting on 52) and Shubman Gill to squeeze out the remaining life out of this contest, especially with the inexperience showing in England's spin ranks.

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SCOREBOARD

England, 1st Innings: Z Crawley b Kuldeep 79, B Duckett c Gill b Kuldeep 27, O Pope st Jurel b Kuldeep 11, J Root lbw b Jadeja 26, J Bairstow lbw b Kuldeep 29, B Stokes lbw b Kuldeep 0, B Foakes b Ashwin 24, T Hartley c Padikkal b Ashwin 6, M Wood c Rohit b Ashwin 0, S Bashir not out 11, J Anderson c Padikkal b Ashwin 0; **Extras:** (b2, lb1, nb2) 5; **Total:** (57.4 overs) 218; **Fow:** 1-64, 2-100, 3-137, 4-175, 5-175, 6-175.

India, 1st Innings: Y Jaiswal st Bashir 57, R Sharma batting 52, S Gill batting 26; **Total:** (1 wkt, 30 overs) 135; **Fow:** 1-104; **Bowling:** Anderson 4-14-0, Wood 3-0-21-0, Hartley 12-0-46-0, Bashir 11-2-64-1.

712 Runs at 89.00 in nine innings
scored by Yashasvi Jaiswal is a record by an Indian in a Test series vs England, overtaking Virat Kohli's tally of 655 (ave 109.16) in eight innings in 2016-17 at home.

9 Tests taken by Jaiswal to race to 1000 runs – least taken by an Indian to achieve the feat. Sunil Gavaskar and Cheteshwar Pujara had held the record previously. They took eleven Tests each.

26 Sixes hit by Jaiswal in the series, further improving his world record.

AGGRESSIVE CAPTAINCY REASON FOR ENG DOWNFALL: BINNY

Dharamshala: BCCI president and former India seamer Roger Binny feels that England skipper Ben Stokes' aggressive captaincy has been trumped by his Indian counterpart Rohit Sharma's patience and tactical nous in the ongoing series between the two teams. "Well, the captaincy of Ben Stokes so far he has been more aggressive, and I think that has been the (reason for their) downfall in the few Tests," Binny, who is here to watch the proceedings, said.

Binny is very impressed with the manner in which Rohit has waited for opportunities and the right time to pounce on the opposition. "Rohit Sharma again has been very tactful. You know he knew exactly what he wanted to do and he got his bowlers to do that."

1039 Rohit Sharma's run-aggregate at an average of 41.56 in 16 Tests to become the 10th Indian captain to complete 1000-plus runs. Virat Kohli tops with 5864 runs at 54.80 in 68 Tests.

50 Test appearances at different grounds for James Anderson. He becomes the second England player after Joe Root to accomplish this feat. Root's unique 50 came in the Ranchi Test in this series.

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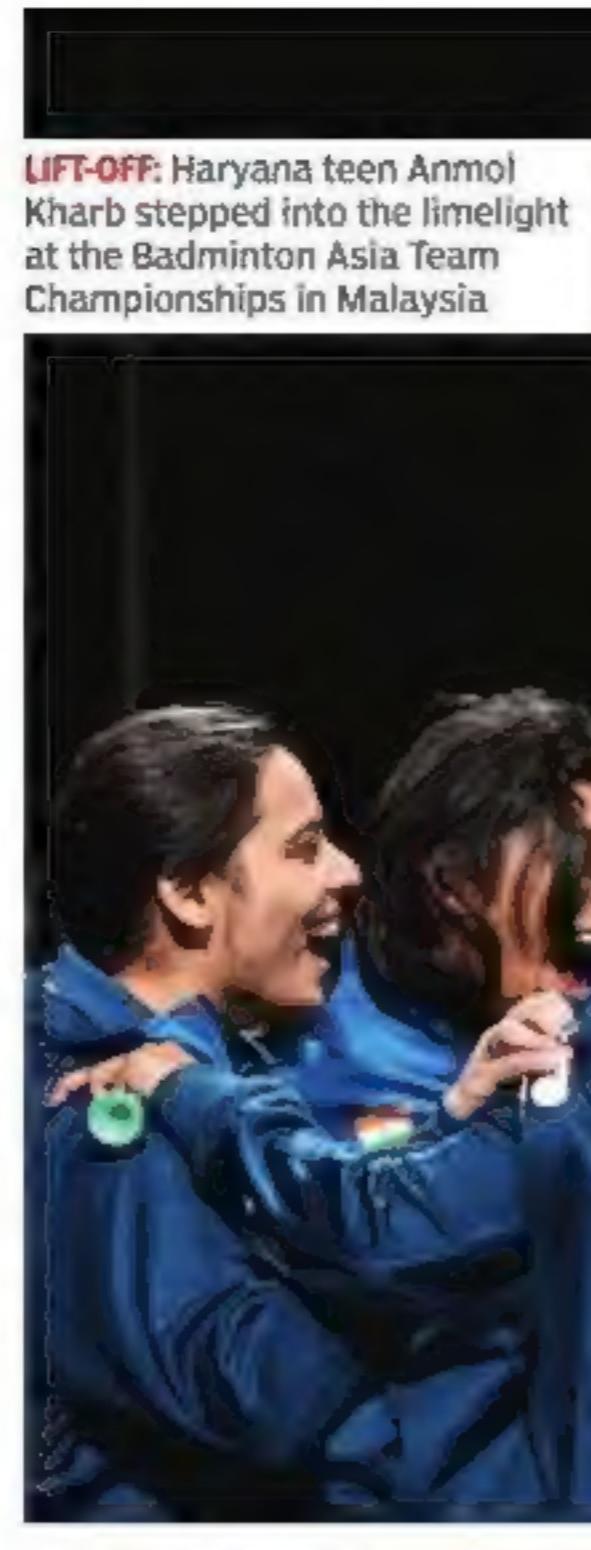
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THE SPICE GIRLS

This motley crew of teenagers and twenty-somethings has one thing in common - they are the emerging stars in the Indian sports firmament. Every day is Women's Day as they smash a six, execute a deceptive drop, aim for the bullseye, clear every hurdle, launch a massive jump or simply swing for glory. TOI shares a few short stories, and hopes for a long list of achievements...



LIFT-OFF: Haryana teen Anmol Kharb stepped into the limelight at the Badminton Asia Team Championships in Malaysia



Cricket

KIRAN NAVGIRE (29 years)

Kiran Navgire burst into the limelight after becoming the first Indian to score more than 150 runs in a T20 match. Playing for Nagaland, she smashed an unbeaten 162 off just 76 balls against Arunachal Pradesh in the Senior Women's T20 Trophy at the ACA stadium in Barsapara on April 15, 2022. Her innings was decorated with 16 sixes and 10 fours. She followed her breathtaking performances with a stroke-filled 69 off 34 balls in the Women's T20 Challenge, playing for Velocity against Trailblazers. Her sensational knocks at the domestic level led to Women's Premier League (WPL) franchise UP Warriorz acquiring her for Rs 30 lakh (base price) at the first-ever WPL auction. Before making cricket her full-time career, Navgire has won medals in athletics and javelin throw at local age-group and state-level tournaments.

GALLERY

Teen shooter accidentally fires at physio

New Delhi: Accidental firing by a teenaged shooter left a physiotherapist with a broken jaw that required an emergency surgery to dislodge the pellet during a tournament in Chennai, making it the third serious breach of safety norms in Indian shooting this year. After a shooter lost his thumb while filling the cylinder of his pistol in Faridabad recently and a rifle exponent pointed his gun towards the spectators gallery during the Nationals here, a shooter from Bengal accidentally shot a physiotherapist in her hotel room in Chennai early this year. The pellet got lodged in physio's jaw and was removed after an emergency surgery at a private hospital.

Israel's Olympic status not in question, says IOC prez: Israel faces no threat to its Olympic status ahead of the Paris Games despite the conflict in Gaza, IOC president Thomas Bach confirmed Wednesday. Some of the scattered calls Israel has faced for sporting sanction since October have come from Russia, which is isolated in world sports because of its invasion of Ukraine. Bach's frustration with Russian government and sports officials was clear in a one-hour online call with invited international media.

'Employee who accused Horner suspended': The Red Bull Racing Formula 1 employee whose complaint sparked an investigation into alleged misconduct by team principal Christian Horner has been suspended, a person with information on the matter told AP. The person requested anonymity because Red Bull has revealed no details of the investigation. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

BADMINTON: French Open, QFs, 2.30 pm & 9.30 pm (Jiocinema)

CRICKET: India vs England, 5th Test, Day 2, 9.30 am (Jiocinema); WPL, Delhi vs UP, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema)

FOOTBALL: ISL, Jamshedpur FC vs Mumbai City FC, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema)

In fitness of things, Kuldeep steals the spotlight

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Dharmashala: Milestones don't matter, wickets do. Kuldeep Yadav, having just raced to 50 Test wickets in the second-quickest time in cricket history, was handed this important lesson from his senior spin partner Ravichandran Ashwin here on Thursday.

Time will tell if it was a rare passing-of-the-mantle moment, but as the Indian players trooped off the field after England's innings here on Thursday, the ball was tossed to Ashwin to keep and lead the team off the field. It seemed fitting, except Ashwin didn't agree.

Having just taken four wickets in his 10th Test, the veteran off-spinner instead tossed the ball to Kuldeep, who had snared 5/72 to break England's back. Never one for the spotlight, Kuldeep quickly handed it back, and Mohammed Siraj was seen coajling Ashwin to accept the offer.

Ashwin was having none of it, and after some hard convincing, it fell to Kuldeep again to show off the ball to the crowd with a shy smile on his face. It was a rare peek into the camaraderie and mutual respect which has enabled India's spinners to keep their home soil an unbreachable fortress.

This has been a groundbreaking series for the left-arm wrist spinner, not least because he has played four Tests in succession in a career which has seen him play just 11 Tests before this since debut in 2017. That debut, incidentally, was here in Dharamshala, marking a line in the sand for this special talent.

It was back in the 2019 Sydney Test that then-coach Ravi Shastri had marked Kuldeep out as India's lead spinner in

overseas Tests, but sporadic selection, a knee injury and the fading away of his white-ball partnership with Yuzvendra Chahal meant Kuldeep was in serious danger of not living up to his potential.

He has since remodelled his game, adopting an action and run-up which enables him to vary his trajectory and pace, all while putting less pressure on his knee. "I put in a lot of hard work after my surgery in 2021. I worked on my pace, which is very important while bowling in India," Kuldeep said.

"If you bowl at a certain speed and change your pace, it gets difficult for the batters. Now I am mature, I don't think too much about taking wickets. I try to stay relaxed. It has been seven years since my debut. I understand my game better now. I know how to read the wicket."

Bowling is all about fitness. I've worked a lot on my fitness in the last 18 months. I've been able to make changes in my technique because of increased fitness."

It was very challenging. It took me six to eight months to find that rhythm with a new action. Even in Rajkot and Ranchi (in this series), I've bowled longer spells."

Of course, it would be fair to say Kuldeep has blossomed under captain Rohit Sharma. On Thursday, it was insightful to see how neatly he now fits

into the team dynamics, and so interesting to watch Rohit and wicketkeeper Dhruv Jurel guide the spinner. Like before the Bairstow dismissal, when Rohit said, "Hawa mat de (don't give the ball air)." Or before the Ollie Pope stumping, when Jurel warned him, "Badhega aagey, badhega aagey (he will step out, he will step out)"

Pope prefers stepping out and wants to dominate. He just stepped out a bit early," Kuldeep said.

That a bowler of Kuldeep's abilities finds himself relegated to third spinner behind Ashwin and Jadeja speaks volumes of India's current spin riches. While that doesn't change for now, Kuldeep has showcased his match-winning abilities repeatedly at home against a formidable opponent, with promise of more to come.

On becoming the fastest Indian to 50 Test wickets, Kuldeep said, "I don't think about records. A lot of players don't get opportunities, so I'm just grateful. I've played a lot with Ash bhai and Jaddu bhai. In Hyderabad, I had a long chat with Ashwin and he told me about the changes I need to make in my mindset. He gives a lot of ideas. I hope they play for a long time."

And did he keep the ball or return it to Ashwin? "He said he already has 35 balls, and asked me to keep this one."

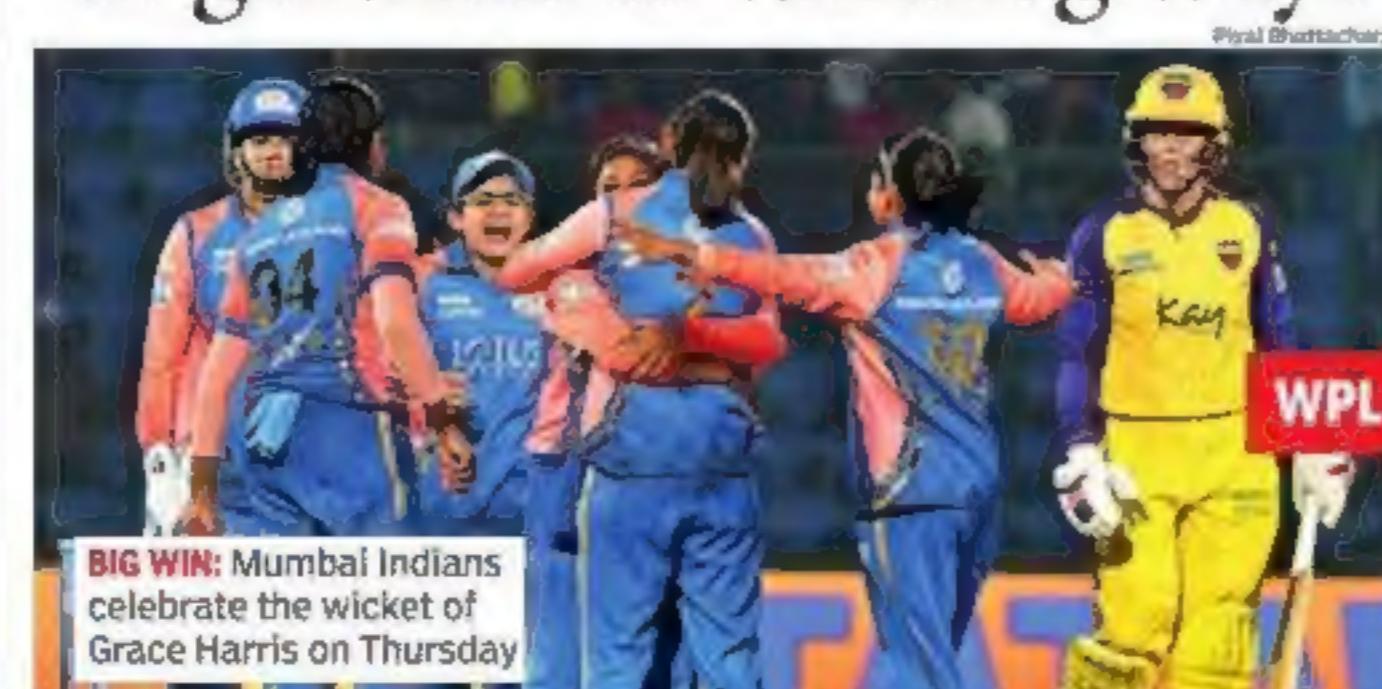
Sciver-Brunt also shone with the ball (2/14) for MI, picking up two wickets off successive balls to cap an impressive all-round performance. She was ably supported by slow left-arm orthodox Saika Isaque, who was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 3/27 in her four overs.

It was also a sweet revenge for Harmanpreet Kaur-led side as they were defeated by UPW by seven wickets in their last meeting earlier this season. Alyssa Healy-led UPW struggled to score freely, with just 17 runs coming off in the powerplay overs at the loss of three wickets.

Shabnim Ismail, the fastest bowler in the women's game, produced a magical spell of 4-0-6-1 to snuff the life out of UPW's chase, even accounting for the prized wicket of Healy. The former South African pacer had created history on Tuesday when she bowled the fastest delivery (132.1 km per hour) ever recorded in women's cricket.

Brief Scores: Mumbai Indians 160 for 6 in 20 overs (Nat Sciver-Brunt 45, Amelia Kerr 39, Harmanpreet Kaur 33; Chamari Athapaththu 2/27) beat UP Warriorz 118/9 in 20 overs (Deepitha Sharma 53 not out; Saika Isaque 3/27, Sciver-Brunt 2/14) by 42 runs.

Mumbai Indians drub UPW to get back to winning ways



BIG WIN: Mumbai Indians celebrate the wicket of Grace Harris on Thursday

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New Delhi: Mumbai Indians put their campaign back on track with a comprehensive 42-run victory over Uttar Pradesh Warriorz in a mid-table clash in the Women's Premier League (WPL) here on Thursday. Opting to bat first on

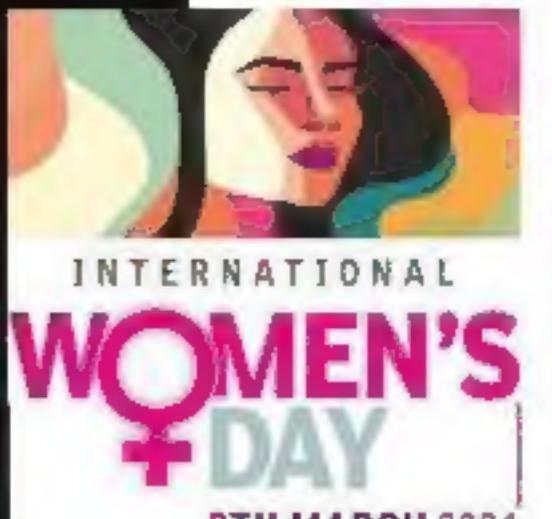
a newly-laid surface at the Arun Jaitley stadium, Nat Sciver-Brunt's 45 and Amelia Kerr's 39 helped MI set a target of 161. In reply, UPW could manage to score 118 for nine as MI bowlers maintained a disciplined line and length. For UPW, Deepitha Sharma turned out to be the lone bright spot with a fighting 36-ball 53.

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Badminton

ANMOL KHARB (17 years)

Anmol Kharb has emerged as the big hope for Indian women's badminton. Her sensational performance in India's historic gold medal-winning run at the Badminton Asia Team Championships has provided the shuttle fans belief that she can follow in the footsteps of Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu. Had it not been for Anmol's powerful strokeplay, technical skill and mental fortitude, India wouldn't have been able to clinch its maiden gold in Shah Alam. The 17-year-old from Haryana's Faridabad played three matches in the Asian meet and won all of them, defeating more experienced and higher-ranked opponents. But what made the success sweeter was the fact that all her wins came in the decider, including the final. Anmol was always meant to achieve bigger things, becoming the India No. 1 in both the under-17 and 19 age groups. She became the women's singles national champion at the age of 16. Last year, she was selected to be a part of the senior team for the Asian championships.



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SHAILI SINGH (20 years)

Shaili Singh is being considered as the rightful successor to the legendary Anju Bobby George. The Jakarta Asian Games gold medal winner, who comes from a humble background, has rewritten the national record in the 100m hurdles, which stood for nearly two decades before it was broken in May 2022, thrice, and then in October 2022. She stamped her class at the international level when she claimed a silver in the 60m hurdles at the Asian Indoor championships, clocking 8.13s at Astana last year. She then rewrote history books after becoming the first Indian to breach the sub-13 second barrier by clocking 12.79s at National Games last year. At the Hangzhou Asian Games, she won a silver in the 100m hurdles. Earlier this year, she bettered her own national record by sprinting 8.12s in the 60m hurdles to secure a gold at the Asian Indoor Championships which was held in Tehran.



Golf

AVANI PRASHANTH (17 years)

Ever since golf returned to the Olympic fold, rubbing shoulders with the best and competing at the biggest sporting extravaganza has been teen wonder Avani Prashanth's dream. The 17-year-old golfing sensation has made rapid strides in her quest to get there with a clutch of impressive performances in the last couple of years. With the Olympics in her sights, the Bengaluru-based teenager, who made the Indian team for the Hangzhou Asian Games, has dominated the amateur circuit in the country. She went on to win the Queen Sirikit Cup in Manila early in the year - the only Indian to do so in its 43-year history. Avani now feels she is ready for the Olympics.

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PV Sindhu reached her first quarterfinal in six months and showed signs of getting back to her best. The 28-year-old ousted Beiwen Zhang of USA 13-21, 21-10, 21-14 in the second round of the French Open Super-750 tournament in Paris on Thursday. However, it was curtains for Kidambi Srikanth, who lost to Lu Guang Zu of China 21-19, 12-21, 20-22.

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sion but acknowledged that his views can be considered an "unpopular opinion".

"If we want to be a sporting superpower we can't normalize giving out sports quota jobs to youth/junior athletes. Needs to be a criteria eg: 3 years of consistent medals at nationals or 5 years of being in top 8 nationally etc," he wrote on X in a series of posts.

"... incentive to resort to unfair means is really high when u have a govt job at hand and all u have to do is (sic) medal once at age group level nationally. We need to reward consistency not spikes in performance," said the national record holder.

He, however, did not specify the exact nature of the unfair means that aspirants may resort to. n

'Sports quota jobs to youth not good'

KARTHIK TO END IPL CAREER AFTER 2024 EDITION

Dharmashala: India wicketkeeper Binesh Karthik is set to make his last IPL appearance in the 2024 edition beginning on March 22, and he will decide on his international retirement after the T20 league. The 38-year-old, who is currently contracted with RCB, has played in all the 16 editions of the IPL since 2008 and has only missed two matches. n

Shankar, who won a high jump bronze in the 2022 Commonwealth Games and a decathlon silver in the Hangzhou Asian Games last year, was not amused with the decl-

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Real Madrid Advance To Quarterfinals

After 1-1 Draw With Leipzig

Madrid: Real Madrid withstood an onslaught from RB Leipzig to secure a 1-1 draw in the second leg of their Champions League last-16 tie that sent them through to the quarterfinals with a 2-1 aggregate victory on Wednesday.

RB Leipzig were arguably the better side and missed several gilt-edged chances. But Real Madrid increased the tempo in the second half and ultimately did enough to seal their place in the last eight.

Bidding for a record-extending 15th Champions League title, Real took the lead thanks to a Vinicius Jr strike from a counter attack in the 65th minute.

But Leipzig's Willi Orban levelled the score three minutes later with a header to set up a tense final few minutes that included a strike that hit the crossbar by Dani Olmo. Even though Real have a formidable record in Europe, having been knocked out in the round of 16 only twice in the past 14 years while winning the title five times during that period, Carlo Ancelotti's team began rather easily. Leipzig kept threatening to score, with Orban missing twice in the second half after shooting wide.

In the second half, Rodrygo replaced Eduardo Camavinga and suddenly Real were playing with more purpose.

Real appeared to have put the tie to bed when Toni Kroos stole the ball and fed Jude Bellingham at the halfway line, who took the ball up the Leipzig box.

He slipped a pass to Vinicius, who had cut in from the left into the centre circle before rifling a shot into the left-hand corner. That goal only seemed to fire up Leipzig, who equalised within three minutes when Orban got in front of Nacho to score with a stooping header from a cross by David Raum. In a final 20 minutes in which several yellow cards were handed out, Real were playing with fire and were under repeated pressure in their own box with goalkeeper Andrey Lunin, who had already saved Real in the first leg, forced to make several crucial saves. REUTERS

Real Madrid 1 (Vinicius 65) Leipzig 1 (Orban 68); Real Madrid win 2-1 on aggregate



All calm in the City

Manchester: Pep Guardiola said Manchester City have earned their place among the perennial contenders for Champions League glory after reaching the quarterfinals for a seventh consecutive season on Wednesday.

Guardiola could even afford the luxury of resting a host of star names in a 3-1 victory over FC Copenhagen at the Etihad that completed a 6-2 aggregate rout.

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reduced the Danish champions' deficit to 2-1 on the night, but Copenhagen were outclassed over two legs as the European champions remain on course for another treble. City conquered Europe for the first time in the club's history last season, but Guardiola acknowledged his side are now seen as favourites for the competition ahead of the likes of Real Madrid and Bayern Munich.

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The English champions have not lost a Champions League game at the Etihad since 2018 and became the first side in the competition's history to score three or more goals in nine consecutive home games.

"The important thing is being there (in the quarterfinals) seven years in a row, it's quite impressive," said Guardiola.

"We are well-respected from our opponents. The numbers are there - our consistency."

"I remember when I arrived, we didn't believe, the club didn't believe we could do it because we didn't have the hierarchy in Europe like teams in Spain or Germany. It was a question of time, a process. AFP

Man City 3 (Akanji 5, Alvarez 9, Haaland 45+3) FC Copenhagen 1 (Elyounoussi 29); Man City win 6-2 on aggregate

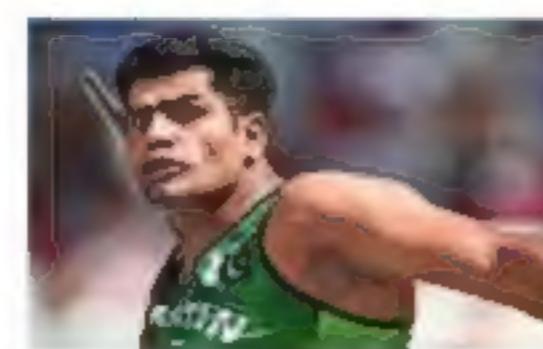
IN PAK, THERE'S NO NEW JAVELIN FOR NEERAJ RIVAL NADEEM

Karachi: Arshad Nadeem, Pakistan's lone hope for a medal in this year's Olympic Games in Paris, said on Thursday he has not been able to get a new international standard javelin for many years.

Nadeem who recently underwent surgery for an elbow problem said he owned just one javelin and had been using it for

I have asked the national federation and my coach to do something about it before the Paris Olympics," he said. "When I started off in 2015, competing in international events I got this javelin," he recalled.

The reigning Commonwealth Games champion, Nadeem had skipped last year's Asian Games in Hangzhou, citing a knee problem.



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MATCH STATS
Man City Copenhagen

69	Possession %	31
12	Shots	11
3	On Target	2
4	Corners	4
5	Fouls	9

22 City are now unbeaten in their last 22 UEFA club competition matches (W16 D6). This is an English record which was previously held by West Ham (17 unbeaten).

4 Pep Guardiola's side have become just the fourth team to win ten games in a row in this competition, after Real Madrid (a run which ended in February 2015) and Bayern (a run of 15 until November 2020 and a ten-game run until November 2013).



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INDIAN WELLS: RAFA NADAL'S PULLOUT HANDS SLOT TO 'LUCKY LOSER' NAGAL

Indian Wells: Sumit Nagal has advanced to the main draw of the BNP Paribas Open as a 'lucky loser' after Spanish superstar

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BRIGHTON FANS IN ROME HOSPITAL AFTER STABBINGS

Rome: Two Brighton fans are in hospital in Rome after being stabbed on the eve of their team's Europa League match in the Italian capital.

According to Italian media, a restaurant worker called police shortly after midnight on Wednesday

saying two fans came in asking for help after being stabbed nearby.

One had three wounds to his left thigh, while the other was stabbed in the right thigh. They had also allegedly had a backpack stolen that contained a wallet and documents.

CWC celebrates its 68th Foundation Day

Central Warehousing Corporation celebrated its 68th Foundation Day on March 2, 2024, at Sirifort Auditorium, enumerating the achievements of past seven decades and presenting the picture of future leading to Amrit Kal of CWC. Chief guest Sadhvi Nirajan Jyoti, MoPSC&PD, graced the occasion.

On the occasion, Shantanu, AS & FA;

Ashok KK Meena, Chairman, CWC; Anuj Kumar Dir F; and Sangeeta Ramrakhiani, Dir P, were present. In the welcome address to ministry officials, stakeholder, staff, etc., Amit Kumar Singh, MD, CWC, apprised the corporation currently with 546 warehouses having a capacity of over 126 lakh MT is serving

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stringent quality control measures throughout the manufacturing, distribution, and procurement processes.

12th CGD bidding round concludes

In a significant stride towards achieving 100 per cent coverage of country's area for the development of city gas distribution (CGD) network, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) hosted a concluding ceremony for the 12th CGD bidding round. The event was inaugurated by Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, in the presence of Tarun Kapoor, adviser to PM; Dr Anil Kumar Jain, Chairperson, PNGRB; board members and secretary of PNGRB. There was a large presence of key stakeholders from the oil and gas sector of the country and the successful bidders of 12th CGD bidding round.

During the event, Puri distributed the letter of intent to successful bidders for their respective geographical areas. The minister acknowledged the efforts of MoPNG, PNGRB, and the successful bidders towards building a robust oil and gas infrastructure.

NPCC-built apartments inaugurated

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, virtually inaugurated Citra Heights residential apartments at Dwarka, New Delhi, for CBIC officials, constructed by NPCC, a subsidiary of WAPCOS, in the presence of Vivek Joshi, Secretary, DFS; Sanjay Malhotra, Revenue Secretary; and Sanjay Agarwal, Chairman, CBIC. The physical function at Citra Heights was graced by CBIC members, namely Rajiv Talwar, Shashank Priya, Vivek Ranjan, and Surjit Bhujbal along with Rajesh Sodhi, Principal Chief Commissioner; Valte Vungzamuan, DG (HRD); Manish Govil, Principal Commissioner, and other officials of CBIC.

Drugs seized in operation by Indian Coast Guard

In its continuous hunt against smuggling of narcotics substances, officers of DRI Chennai Zonal Unit developed specific input of a gang planning to smuggle narcotics substances from India to Sri Lanka via coastal route near Mandapam sea coast. DRI officers and Indian

Coast Guard mounted surveillance over Gulf of Mannar through Indian Coast Guard ship on March 4-5, 2024. During the surveillance, they identified a country boat sailing towards Sri Lanka and intercepted it. Five sacks were found concealed inside the boat. The boat, along with the contraband and three persons on board were brought to Indian Coast Guard Station Mandapam for further investigation. Based on their input, officers of DRI apprehended a person from his house. A total of 111 packets weighing 99 kgs in total containing brown colour sticky material was detected which was found to be Hashish with value of around Rs 108 crores and was seized under NDPS Act.

CCRT Sanskriti Haat

CCRT senior officials welcomed the chief guest, Dr. Vinod Narayan Indurkar, Chairperson, CCRT, who inaugurated "Kalakaron Evam Shilpakarona Ka Mela" at CCRT Sanskriti Haat. Dr Rahul Kumar, Deputy

Director, was also present on the occasion. It is an exhibition of craft of 25 master craft persons hailing from different parts of the country. The event witnessed mesmerizing performances of CCRT scholar artiste during the 10th Virasat Kamladevi Festival on the first day of the festival, which began with the musical recital, instrumental ensemble and cultural dance performance by CCRT scholarship holders. The first play titled Mangalmukh was presented by transgender group Mudra of Maharashtra, which was directed by Shraddha Joshi at Sanskriti Haat.

PNB launches travel credit card

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has partnered with EaseMyTrip, a travel tech platform, to launch "PNB EMT Credit Card". This power-packed co-branded travel credit card is aimed at mass to premium customer segments and has been meticulously designed to offer a variety of rewards for Indian travellers. Customers can log in to pnbindia.in or PNB ONE app or easemytrip.com to avail this credit card and earn rewards in a variety of categories, including flights, hotels, and holiday packages. Furthermore, this new credit card includes a wallet for contactless payments. Speaking during the launch, PNB MD & CEO said, "Innovation is key to our success, and as a result, we continue to develop partnership models that provide customers with a unique value proposition that is tailored to their evolving needs."

ISL: Bagan cry 'boycott' amid ticket pricing row

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exclude VIP seats.

Although charging 'away' fans higher than home fans to watch the same match is common across the globe, in Indian football's context, a host club usually maintains parity in terms of ticket pricing for both sections of fans. "This is a shameful incident we are witnessing in the history of the famous Kolkata Derby," Mohun Bagan club secretary Debasish Dutta said in a statement on Thursday.

Highlighting a disparity in ticket pricing, Mohun Bagan club has urged its fans to "boycott" the match.

East Bengal FC under investors Emami Group are hosts of the ISL's second-leg derby. The first leg fixture, organized by Mohun Bagan SG, ended 2-2 on February 3.

As per the vendor website, BookMyShow, a fan in the designated East Bengal stands can buy tickets in the denominations of Rs 100, Rs 150, Rs 200, Rs 300 and Rs 400, while prices for the away (Mohun Bagan) stands include denominations of Rs 250, Rs 300, Rs 350, Rs 400 and Rs 500. These

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CORPORATE BUZZ

Minister dedicates to the nation 201 CNG stations

Taking a significant step towards building a natural gas-based economy as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep S Puri, dedicated to the nation 201 CNG stations across 17 states and India's first small-scale LNG unit at Vijaipur (Madhya Pradesh). The dedication was done through video conferencing at a



function in the presence of MoS, Petroleum and Natural Gas & Labour and Employment, Rameshwar Teli; Secretary, MoPNG, Pankaj Jain; C&MD, GAIL (India) Limited, Sandeep Kumar Gupta; Addl Secretary, MoPNG, Praveen Mal Khanooja; GAIL Director (Finance) R K Jain; Director (Projects) Deepak Gupta; Director (Marketing) Sanjay Kumar; Director (Business Development) R K Singh; and senior officials. The CNG stations have been set up by 15 city gas distribution entities of GAIL group in 52 geographical areas, while small-scale LNG unit has been set up by GAIL at its Vijaipur LPG plant.

Sahitya Akademi to host biggest literary festival

Sahitya Akademi is completing 70 years this year and to commemorate this occasion, the 'Sahityotsav' is being celebrated this time as the world's largest literary festival. Dr K. Sreenivasrao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, informed that more than 1100 renowned writers



the nation and also enlightened with the upcoming projects strengthening PM's vision of Viksit Bharat by constructing more Grade-A warehouses, cold storages, processing units, etc. Sangeeta Ramrakhiani concluded by vote of thanks. A cultural evening was also organised where all employees, ex-employees and stakeholders were invited.

Ensuring quality of protective textiles

In a proactive move to safeguard public health and safety, the government has announced stringent measures to uphold the quality standards of protective textiles. With the surge in demand for protective gear amidst ongoing global challenges, ensuring the reliability and effectiveness of such products has become paramount. The new notification, Protective Textiles (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2022, issued by Ministry of Textiles, GoI, underscores the importance of quality assurance in various protective textiles, including protective gloves for firefighters (as per IS 1674: 2018), protective clothing for firefighters (as per IS 1674: 2018), protective clothing used in industrial processes involving exposure to heat (as per IS 15748: 2018), high visibility warning clothes (as per IS 15809: 2017), bullet resistant jackets (as per IS 17051: 2018) and other protective textiles. It mandates



and scholars are participating in more than 190 sessions, and more than 175 languages of the country will be represented in it. The highlight of the festival will be the presentation ceremony of the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2023, which will be held on March 12 at Kamani Auditorium. The Samvatsar lecture will be delivered by Urdu writer and lyricist Gujral on March 13 at Meghdoot. On March 11, Sahitya Akademi



Vivek Kumar Gupta, Managing Director/NHSRCL, inspected the bullet train construction sites in Surat, including casting yard, under-construction Surat bullet train station, steel bridge launching sites and track construction activities.

